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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*; begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the said Colony, on the First Wednesday in *May*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty nine, and Ninth of the Reign of his Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq;

GOVERNOR.

The Honorable NICHOLAS COOKE, Esq;

DEPUTY-GOVERNOR.

GIDEON WANTON, Esq;
 SILAS COOKE, Esq;
 EPHRAIM BOWEN, Esq;
 JAMES BARKER, jun. Esq;
 THOMAS WICKES, Esq;
 JOHN WATERMAN, jun. Esq;
 JOHN CONGDON, Esq;
 HEZEKIAH BABCOCK, Esq;

} Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

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DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS

NEWPORT :

Nicholas Easton, *Esq*;
Mr. John Wanton, (Son of *Gideon*)
 George Hazard, *Esq*;
Capt. Samuel Carr,
Capt. William Read,
Mr. Thomas Freebody.

PROVIDENCE :

Daniel Jenckes, *Esq*;
Mr. Moses Brown,
 Benoni Pearce, *Esq*;
Mr. Job Smith.

PORTSMOUTH :

Metcalf Bowler, *Esq*;
 Benjamin Hall, *Esq*;
Mr. Jeremiah Lawton,
 John Almy, *Esq*.

WARWICK :

Philip Greene, *Esq*;
 James Arnold, *Esq*;
 Stephen Arnold, *Esq*;
 Thomas Rice, *Esq*.

WESTERLY :

Capt. Edward Saunders,
 Joseph Clarke, jun. *Esq*.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. Paul Niles.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Mr. Ezekiel Gardner,
Mr. John Northup.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

William Potter, *Esq*;
Mr. Stephen Hazard.

EAST-GREENWICH :

Preserved Peirce, jun. *Esq*;
 William Peirce, *Esq*.

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. Oliver Hafzard,
Mr. William Hafzard.

SMITHFIELD :

Caleb Aldrich, *Esq*;
 Daniel Mowrey, jun. *Esq*.

SCITUATE :

Job Randall, *Esq*;
 Benjamin Slack, *Esq*.

GLOUCESTER :

Thomas Owen, *Esq*;

The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, *Esq*; was chosen Speaker, and *Mr.*
 WILLIAM ELLERY Clerk, of the Lower House.

Rufus Smith, *Esq*.

CHARLESTOWN :

Gideon Hoxsey, *Esq*;
 Job Taylor, *Esq*.

WEST-GREENWICH :

Benjamin Tillinghast, *Esq*;
 Isaac Johnston, *Esq*.

COVENTRY :

Stephen Potter, *Esq*;
 John Rice, *Esq*.

EXETER :

Daniel Barber, *Esq*;
 Daniel Sunderlin, *Esq*.

MIDDLETOWN :

John Barker, *Esq*;
Mr. Thomas Coggeshall.

BRISTOL :

Col. Simeon Potter,
 William Bradford, *Esq*.

TIVERTON :

Samuel Durfee, *Esq*;
 William Cooke, *Esq*.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Thomas Church, *Esq*;
 Nathaniel Searle, jun. *Esq*.

WARREN :

Mr. Cromel Child,
 Samuel Allen, *Esq*.

CUMBERLAND :

Jeremiah Whipple, *Esq*;
 David Brown, *Esq*.

RICHMOND :

Edward Perry, *Esq*;
 Joshua Clarke, *Esq*.

CRANSTON :

Gideon Comstock, *Esq*;
Capt. Richard Searle.

HOPKINTON :

Mr. Thomas Wells, jun.
Mr. Abel Tanner.

JOHNSTON :

Henry Harris, *Esq*;
 Abraham Belknap, *Esq*.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Thomas Olney, *Esq*;
Mr. Job Olney.

THIS being the Anniversary Election of Officers, both Civil and Military, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List were chosen to serve the Colony, in the Offices ascribed to their respective Names, to wit :

The Hon. JOSEPH WANTON, Esq; Governor. Engaged.

The Hon. DARIUS SESSIONS, Esq; Dep. Gov. Engaged.

Peleg Thurlston, Esq; First Assistant. Engaged.

Job Bennet, Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.

Thomas Steere, Esq; Third Assistant.

David Harris, Esq; Fourth Assistant. Engaged.

Weslon Hix, Esq; Fifth Assistant. Engaged.

Thomas Wickes, Esq; Sixth Assistant. Engaged.

Jonathan Randall, Esq; Seventh Assistant. Engaged.

John Congdon, Esq; Eighth Assistant. Engaged.

Joseph Hazard, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.

Constant Southworth, Esq; Tenth Assistant.

Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.

Oliver Arnold, Esq; Attorney-General.

Joseph Clarke, Esq; General Treasurer. Engaged.

Solomon Drown, Esq; Third Assistant for this Colony, in the Room of *Thomas Steere*, Esq; who refused. Engaged.

William Richmond, jun. Esq; Tenth Assistant for this Colony, in the Room of *Constant Southworth*, Esq; who refused. Engaged.

Benjamin Sherburne, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

John Crandall, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

Simeon Potter, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

John Waterman, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

William Cooke, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Moses Barber, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

Samuel Allen, (the Second) Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

James Arnold, (Son of *Elisba*) Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Isaac Dayton, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Sylvester Gardiner, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

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John Waldron, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

William Matteson, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

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| <i>George Hazard</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Newport</i> . |
| <i>Jonatban Freeborn</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>William Stoddard</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>William Anthony</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Benjamin Underwood</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Daniel Jenckes</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Providence</i> . |
| <i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Job Randall</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Jeremiah Whipple</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Caleb Aldrich</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>William Potter</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>King's-County</i> . |
| <i>John Case</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>John Chapman</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Simeon Perry</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Sylvester Robinson</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Nathaniel Fales</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Bristol</i> . |
| <i>Nathaniel Pearce</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Sylvester Child</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Joseph Reynolds</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>James Brown</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Philip Greene</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kent</i> . |
| <i>Thomas Aldrich</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Stephen Potter</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Stephen Arnold</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Job Spencer</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

John Grelea, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Jonatban Arnold, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Freeman Perry, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *King's-County*.

Jonatban Russell, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

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Hopkins Cooke, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Caleb Harris, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Mr. Stephen Haffard Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *King's-County*.

Thomas Throope, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Daniel Howland, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Walter Chaloner, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

Paul Tew, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*.

Richard Smith, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

Henry Rice, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*.

Edward Thurston, *John Jepson*, *Samuel Chace*, *James Arnold*, and *Nicholas Easton*, Esqrs. the Grand-Committee, or Colony's Trustees, for signing Bills of Public Credit.

AND the aforesaid *Edward Thurston* is chosen, and especially appointed, to take and have the Care and Charge of the Colony's Mortgages and Bonds for Tenths ; and to receive the Money due, and to be due thereon ; and also to make proper Acquittances and Discharges upon the Mortgages, or otherwise, when he receives any of the Colony's Money : And, in Case of Non-Payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all such as refuse or neglect to make due Payment.

AND the same *Edward Thurston* is chosen General Sealer of Weights and Measures, throughout the Colony.

Henry Paget, Esq; Public Notary for the Town and County of *Providence*.

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JUSTICES

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JUSTICES of the PEACE in the several Towns.

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| Newport : | North-Kingstown : |
| Martin Howard, | George Northup, |
| Charles Bardin, | William Hammond, |
| Henry Ward, | Thomas Allen, jun. |
| Barnabas Hargill, | Geo. Thomas, (<i>Son of Samuel</i>) |
| Samuel Bours, | Benjamin Jefferson, |
| John Goddard, | Eber Shearman, |
| John Grelea, jun. | Ishmael Spink, |
| John Davis, | John Cleveland, |
| Jonathan Easton, | George Thomas, (<i>Son of John</i>) |
| James Milward, | <i>Esquires.</i> |
| Daniel Dunham, | South-Kingstown : |
| Jonathan Rogers, | John Sheldon, |
| John Pitman, | Freeman Perry, |
| James Tew, jun. | Samuel Tefft, |
| James Carpenter, | Jeremiah Crandall, |
| Thomas Hammond, <i>Esquires.</i> | Richard Gardner, <i>Esquires.</i> |
| Providence : | East-Greenwich : |
| Samuel Chace, | Thomas Shippey, |
| Amos Atwell, | Thomas Caley, |
| John Foster, | Jonathan Johnson, |
| David Wilkinson, | William Pierce, |
| Joseph Nash, <i>Esquires.</i> | Alexander Nichols, <i>Esquires.</i> |
| Portsmouth : | Smithfield : |
| John Almy, | John Sayles, jun. |
| Robert Dennis, | Daniel Mowrey, jun. |
| Tho's Shearman, jun. <i>Esquires.</i> | Stephen Arnold, |
| Warwick : | Daniel Smith, (<i>Son of Elisha</i>) |
| John Warner, jun. | John Farnum, |
| Ebenezer Slocum, | Welcome Arnold, <i>Esquires.</i> |
| John Greene, | Scituate : |
| Thomas Rice, | Gideon Harris, |
| Silas Clapp, | John Fisk, |
| Ephraim Westcot, | Samuel Dorrance, |
| Robert Rhodes, | Jeremiah Angell, |
| Silas Caley, <i>Esquires.</i> | Oliver Westcot, |
| Westerly : | Ezekiel Cornell, |
| Joseph Crandall, | Thomas Hill, |
| Joseph Clarke, jun. | Thomas Brown, <i>Esquires.</i> |
| Oliver Crarey, | Gloucester : |
| Thomas Thompson, | Andrew Brown, |
| Christopher Babcock, | Timothy Wilmarth, |
| William Babcock, <i>Esquires.</i> | Silas Williams, |

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Jonathan Harris,
Israel Arnold,
Zebedee Hopkins, *jun.*

Moses Cooper,
Caleb Arnold, *Esq;*

Charlestown :

Peleg Crofs,
Job Taylor,
Stanton Yorke,
James Kinyon, *Esquires.*

Coventry :

John Rice,
Thomas Matteson,
James Waterman,
Joseph Whipple, *Esquires.*

Exeter :

Stephen Richmond,
George Peirce,
Gideon Mosher,
Benjamin Wait,
Newman Perkins,
Daniel Sunderlin, *Esquires.*

Middletown :

Joshua Coggeshall, *jnn.*
Joseph Peabody,
Joseph Peckham,
John Barker, *Esquires.*

Bristol :

William Hoar,
Joseph Read,
Simeon Munro,
Jonathan Munday, *Esquires.*

Tiverton :

Restcome Sanford,
John Bowen,
Walter Cooke,
Benjamin Hambly,
Thomas Estes, *Esquires.*

Little-Compton :

Thomas George, Captain of Fort George.

WHEREAS His Majesty hath been graciously pleased to grant his free Pardon unto a Negro Woman Slave, named *Negro Jenny* *Jenny*, otherwise called *Jenny Chapman*, now in his Majesty's Gaol in *Newport*, under Sentence of Death for the Murder of her Bastard Child, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved,*

Israel Stoddard,
Thomas Brownell,
Aaron Wilbur,
Jephthah Pearce,
Nathaniel Searle, *jun. Esquires.*

Warren :

John Kinnicut,
Ebenezer Cole,
Samuel Allen, *(the Second)*
Matthew Watson, *jun. Esqrs.*

Cumberland :

John Dexter,
Joseph Brown,
Peter Darling, *Esquires.*

Richmond :

Samuel Tefft,
Edward Perry,
Joshua Clarke,
George Webb,
Robert Stanton,
William Tefft, *Esquires.*

Cranston :

William Burton,
James Harris,
Zuriel Waterman,
Peter Burlingham *(the Third)*
Hariman Briggs,
Benjamin Carpenter, *Esquires.*

Johnston :

Abraham Belknap,
Noah Matteson,
Edward Fenner,
Joseph Borden, *jun. Esquires.*

North-Providence :

Isaiah Hawkins,
Thomas Whipple, *jun.*
Jonathan Jenckes, *jun.*
John Brown, *Esquires.*

Negro Jenny
pardoned by
the King, and
liberated
from Gaol.

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solved, That the said *Jenny*, otherwife called *Jenny Chapman*, be immediately discharged from Gaol.

LightMoney
lowered.

WHEREAS the Money raised for the Support of the Light-House, at the present Rate of Light-Money, is more than sufficient for that Purpose, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Light-Money be; and it is hereby reduced to Two Pence per Ton upon foreign Vessels, and Eighteen Pence upon each Coaster.

Committee
to receive
from the late
and deliver
to the pre-
sent Clerk
of the Infe-
rior Court in
the County
of *Newport*,
the Seal, Re-
cords, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Job Bennet*, Esq; *George Hazard*, Esq; and Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast* be, & they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to receive from Mr. *William Ellery*, the late Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*, the Seal, Records, Papers, and other Things belonging to that Office, and deliver them to *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; the present Clerk of said Court, giving and taking Receipts for the same.

Committee
to receive
from the late
and deliver
to the pre-
sent Clerk of
the Inferior
Court in the
County of
*King's Coun-
ty*, the Seal,
Records, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Stephen Champlin*, *Freeman Perry*, Esq; and Mr. *William Dyre* be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to receive of *Benjamin Peckham*, Esq; the late Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, & General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *King's-County*, the Seal Records, Papers, and other Things belonging to that Office, and deliver them to Mr. *Stephen Hassard*, the present Clerk of said Court, giving and taking Receipts for the same.

Committee
to receive
from the late
and deliver
to the pre-
sent Clerk of
the Superi-
or Court in
the County
of *Kent*, the
Seal, Re-
cords, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Casey*, *Preserved Pierce*, jun. and *Thomas Aldrich*, Esqrs. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to receive of *Andrew Boid*, Esq; the late Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*, the Seal, Records, Papers, and other Things belonging to that Office, and deliver them to *Hopkins Cooke*, Esq; the present Clerk of said Court, giving and taking Receipts for the same.

Committee
to audit *J.
Willson's* Ac-
counts.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; *Job Bennet*, Esq; and Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, be, and they, or the

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the Major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of Mr. *Jonathan Wilson* with the Light-House; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.



AN ACT in Addition to an Act, entitled "An Act
" appointing Coroners in each Town in this Colony."

Act in Addition to the Act appointing Coroners

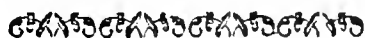
WHEREAS in and by said Act the eldest Justice of the Peace, or Warden in each Town in this Colony, is constituted Coroner in and throughout the Town in which he dwells: And whereas it hath been doubted whether in the Absence of such eldest Justice or Warden, the next Justice or Warden can act as Coroner:

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That whensoever the eldest Justice or Warden of any Town in this Colony, shall be absent, or unable to attend, the next Justice or Warden, in Order who shall be present, shall have full Power to execute the Office of Coroner, in all its Parts, in the same Manner as such eldest Justice or Warden, could or might do if present; and shall be sworn into said Office accordingly, to officiate upon such special Occasion.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Honorable *Joseph Wanton, jun Esq;* Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, and Mr. *Edward Thurston, jun. be*, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to receive of the Honorable *Josias Lyndon, Esq;* late Governor of this Colony, the Charter, Chest and all such Papers in his Hands, as belong to the Colony, and deliver them to the Honorable *Joseph Wanton, Esq;* the present Governor, giving and taking Receipts for the same.

Committee to receive from the late and deliver to the present Gov. the Charter, &c.



AN ACT in Amendment of an Act passed at the last Session, ordering Executions to be returned on the First Day of the Sitting of the several Courts in this Colony.

Executions to be returned within 5 Days after the Opening of the Courts

BE it enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That, for the future, Executions be returned within Five Days from the First

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Day of the Sitting of the Superior Courts of Judicature and Courts of Common Pleas within this Colony (any Law to the contrary notwithstanding:) That if any Execution be not duly returned within that Time, the Sheriff, to whom the same shall be committed, shall be liable in like Manner as is already prescribed by Law: And that this Act shall be in Force from the Rising of this Assembly.

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Committee to receive of the late and deliver to the present Dep. Governor the Duplicate of the Charter. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *Daniel Jenckes, Esq;* and *Mr. Moses Brown,* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to receive of the Honorable *Nicholas Cooke, Esq;* the late Deputy-Governor of this Colony, the Duplicate of the Charter and deliver it to the Honorable *Darius Sessions, Esq;* the present Deputy-Governor, giving and taking Receipts for the same.

Memorial of E. Thurston respecting Lands recovered of Ob. Jenckes & J. Pearce for the Colony. *WHEREAS Edward Thurston, Esq;* Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, represented unto this Assembly, That an Action was brought by *George Taylor, Esq;* to the Inferior Court in *Providence,* at *June Term, 1768,* against *Obadiah Jenckes,* and *John Pearce* of *Scituate,* for the Recovery of a Tract of Land in *Scituate,* mortgaged to the Colony for near Three Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit, emitted in the Year 1750; upon which Action, Judgment was obtained, Execution issued, and Possession taken of the Land for the Colony, and the same advertised for Sale; which was postponed by the Sheriff: That at the same Term *Edward Lillibridge* brought an Action upon a prior Title to the said Land, against the said *Jenckes* and *Pearce,* who craved an Imparance for that Term, to vouch in their Grantor, One *Jonathan Weaver,* to defend the same: That at *December Term* last, the said *Edward Lillibridge* obtained Judgment, and also at the Superior Court held in *March* last, he obtained Judgment by Default: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved,* That *Daniel Jenckes, Esq;* *Mr. Moses Brown,* *Job Randall, Esq;* and *Gideon Comstock, Esq;* be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to examine into the Right of the Colony to the abovementioned Lands, and into all the Proceedings that have been had, relating thereto, as well upon the Action brought by the Colony, as that brought by the said *Edward Lillibridge;* and that in the mean Time the Colony's Execution and also the Execution of the said *Edward Lillibridge,* against the said Land, be stayed.

WHEREAS

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WHEREAS *Edward Thurlston*, Esq; Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, represented unto this Assembly, That a Piece of Land was recovered of *Nathaniel Ellithorpe*, and put up at publick Sale, and struck off to the Government, which is esteemed not worth the Money and Costs, and is likely to become of less Value by lying: That a Person offers to buy the same, for the Sake of a Stream of Water in it, convenient for him, provided he may be allowed One Year to pay the Money in, giving sufficient and indisputable Security; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Edward Thurlston* be, and he is hereby, empowered to sell the aforesaid Land to the best Advantage for the Colony; taking Security for the Purchase Money, payable in One Year from the Time of Sale.

Edu. Thurlston
empowered
to sell Land
recovered of
N. Ellithorpe.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Stevens* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Materials provided for, and Work by him done upon, the Court-House and Gaol in *Newport*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Two Pounds, Three Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Stevens*, out of the General Treasury.

John Stevens
allowed £. 2
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WHEREAS Mr. *George Lawton*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners at the King's Suit: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Eight Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Four Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Lawton*, out of the General Treasury.

Geo. Lawton
allowed £. 8
12s. 4d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the following Alterations be made in the Act passed in *February* last, ordering a general Tax to be laid upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, to wit: That the Poll-Tax be Six Pence upon each Thousand Pounds: That the Poll-Tax be not deducted from the General Taxation previous to the Apportionment upon the several Towns: And that no Person be subject to the Poll-Tax, under the Age of Twenty-one Years.

Act passed
last Session
assessing the
Tax, to be
amended.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Moses Brown*, Col. *Stephen*

Committee
to apportion
the Tax.

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Stephen Potter, Edward Perry, Esq; Samuel Allen, Esq; and Thomas Church, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to draw up an Act agreeable to the Alterations made in the Act passed in February last, for assessing a Tax upon the Colony; and to apportion the Tax upon the several Towns in this Colony.

Governor requested to sign the Letters to Lord Hillsborough. WHEREAS the Committee appointed at last Session to prepare Draughts of Answers to the Earl of Hillsborough's Letters to this Colony, N^o 11. N^o 12. and N^o 13. have laid the same before this Assembly, which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Draughts be approved: And that his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to cause fair Copies thereof to be made, and sign and transmit the same to His Lordship, by the First Opportunity.

J. Borden's Petition referred to next Session. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petition of John Borden, of Portsmouth, against Joseph Borden, of said Portsmouth, respecting the setting up another Ferry between Portsmouth and Bristol, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session: That the said Joseph Borden be cited, agreeable to Law, to answer the same: And that in the mean Time he be, and hereby is, prohibited from carrying Persons from his Wharf as a Ferry Place.

S. Southwick allowed £. 26 rs. 3d. ½. WHEREAS Mr. Solomon Southwick, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Proceedings of the General Assembly, at the Sessions held in September, October and February last, for printing the Index to the Law-Books, divers Proclamations, Treasurer's Notes and Warrants, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Twenty-six Pounds, One Shilling and Three Pence, Three Farthings, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Solomon Southwick, out of the General Treasury.

J. Tew, jun. allowed £. 4 rs. 6d. WHEREAS Mr. James Tew, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for making Shutters for the Windows of the Court-House in Newport: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Four Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said James Tew, jun. out of the General Treasury.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That *George Hazard*, Esq; *Mr. Moses Brown*, *John Mawdsley*, Esq; *Henry Marchant*, Esq; and the Secretary, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to examine into the Proceedings of the General Assembly, respecting the Sufferers by the Riots in *Newport*, in *August*, 1765; and to enquire what Part of their Goods were saved, and received by them, or any Person in their Behalf: And that the said Committee be, and they are hereby, empowered to call any Person before them, and examine them upon Oath, respecting the saving of any of their Goods.

Committee to examine into the Proceedings of the General Assembly respecting the Sufferers by Riots in 1765, &c.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Committee draught a Letter in Answer to the Earl of *Hillsborough's* Letter, N^o 15, written to the Colony, in Consequence of the Misrepresentations made by Doctor *Thomas Moffatt*, to His Lordship, of the Proceedings of this Government respecting his Sufferings in said Riot; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

WHEREAS a Committee was appointed at the last Session of this Assembly to sell and dispose of the Real Estate of *Thomas Ninigret*, Sachem of the *Narragansett* Tribe of *Indians* in this Colony, for the Payment of his Debts, and a limited Time was assigned for doing the same, which expired before that Business could be completed; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the same Committee be, and they are hereby, allowed to go on and finish said Business agreeable to the Votes already passed for that Purpose; so that the same be done within Three Months after the Rising of this Assembly.

Committee appointed at last Session to sell *T. Ninigret's* Land continued.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to redeem the lawful Money Bills emitted by this Colony, in *February*, 1767, by giving his Notes as General Treasurer for the same, payable in Two Years from the Dates of the Notes so given, with Interest, at the Rate of Six per Centum, per Annum, from the Time limited for the Payment of said Bills.

Money emitted in 1767, to be redeemed by Treasurer's Notes.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petitions for new Trials and staying Executions, lying before this Assembly unheard, be referred to the next Session: That where

Petitions for staying Executions referred to next Session and Executions any stayed.

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Whereas in and by said Act the Apportionment to the several Towns is found to be erroneous, differing in all the Towns in the Colony from their true Proportions settled by the General Estimate of the Colony: And whereas the said Apportionment, as yet, remains unassess'd and unlevied: Therefore

***B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That a Rate or Tax of Six Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, and Ninety-Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Seven Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Two Pence, Old Tenor, shall be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, to be levied, collected, and paid into the General Treasury, on or before the First Day of November next; that the lawful Money shall be paid in lawful Money, or Treasurers Notes, given for sinking the lawful Money Bills, emitted in the Year 1760, or in lawful Money Bills of that Emission; upon which Notes and Bills, Interest shall be reckoned to the said First Day of November; and that the Old Tenor shall be paid in any of the Old Tenor Bills emitted by this Colony, or in lawful Money at the Rate of Six Shillings, lawful Money, for Eight Pounds Old Tenor, as in and by the afore-said Act it is enacted.*

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax shall be Six Pence for each and every Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, as well as Old Tenor, in the said Act mentioned: And that all male Persons of Twenty-One Years old, and upwards, excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel, shall pay the Poll-Tax, and none under; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Rate, or Tax, shall be, and the same is, hereby, apportioned unto and upon the several Towns in the following Manner, agreeable to the said General Estimate; that is to say,

Newport,

May, 1769.

| | Lawful Money. | | | Old Tenor. | | |
|--------------------|---------------|----|----|-------------|----|----|
| Newport, shall pay | £. 935 | 9 | 5 | & £. 14,606 | 18 | 4 |
| Providence, | 350 | 14 | 6 | 5,570 | 2 | 0 |
| Warwick, | 285 | 2 | 3 | 4,451 | 8 | 2 |
| Portsmouth, | 277 | 3 | 4 | 4,327 | 17 | 6 |
| Westerly, | 166 | 4 | 2 | 2,544 | 7 | 4 |
| New-Shoreham, | 73 | 14 | 9 | 1,151 | 7 | 6 |
| North-Kingstown, | 283 | 3 | 11 | 4,421 | 18 | 6 |
| South-Kingstown | 558 | 6 | 1 | 8,722 | 0 | 0 |
| East-Greenwich, | 143 | 10 | 4 | 2,241 | 0 | 0 |
| Jamestown, | 120 | 17 | 5 | 1,887 | 6 | 0 |
| Smithfield, | 292 | 2 | 1 | 4,561 | 0 | 10 |
| Scituate, | 215 | 10 | 9 | 3,366 | 5 | 5 |
| Gloucester, | 184 | 17 | 7 | 2,886 | 15 | 6 |
| Charlestown, | 137 | 1 | 9 | 2,140 | 10 | 0 |
| West-Greenwich, | 101 | 16 | 9 | 1,589 | 18 | 6 |
| Coventry, | 135 | 16 | 2 | 2,120 | 10 | 0 |
| Exeter, | 145 | 19 | 2 | 2,279 | 9 | 6 |
| Middletown | 195 | 14 | 10 | 3,056 | 8 | 6 |
| Bristol, | 162 | 18 | 10 | 2,497 | 0 | 0 |
| Tiverton, | 213 | 14 | 9 | 3,337 | 8 | 6 |
| Little-Compton, | 187 | 11 | 3 | 2,928 | 12 | 0 |
| Warren, | 120 | 19 | 11 | 1,889 | 2 | 8 |
| Cumberland, | 107 | 19 | 5 | 1,685 | 18 | 0 |
| Richmond, | 105 | 5 | 5 | 1,643 | 13 | 0 |
| Cranston, | 198 | 7 | 7 | 3,097 | 12 | 0 |
| Hopkinton, | 140 | 14 | 3 | 2,197 | 3 | 0 |
| Johnston, | 82 | 0 | 10 | 1,281 | 0 | 0 |
| North-Providence, | 71 | 2 | 6 | 1,109 | 17 | 0 |

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Town or Towns, which do not pay in their Proportion of said Tax at the Time limited for the Payment thereof, as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum they shall be deficient, until the same shall be paid ; and that each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General Treasurer.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Assessors or Ratemakers shall assess, and apportion the said Rate or Tax, and return a true Bill or List of the same unto the Clerk of the Town, to which they respectively belong, within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly. And the said Town Clerk is directed and hereby required to send a Copy thereof in Four Days, from the

the Time of his receiving the same, to the General Treasurer, who is hereby required and directed to issue his Warrant within Three Days to the several Collectors of Rates, or Taxes, of the respective Towns, requiring them in the King's Name, to levy, collect, and pay unto the General Treasurer, for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed unto them to collect.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue, or arise, in or upon the assessing, levying, and collecting it's Part of the aforesaid Rate or Tax.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That One Thousand, Five Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, of the said Tax be applied for the Payment of the exigent Charges of Government, and the remaining Four Thousand, Five Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, to the redeeming and sinking so much of the outstanding Notes, given for the Money emitted in the Year 1760 : And that the Old-Tenor, when received into the General Treasury, be sunk by burning the same.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary be directed, and he is hereby required, to send a Copy of this Act to every Town Clerk in the Colony, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by the Town Clerk immediately delivered unto the Assessors, or Rate-makers of his Town. And the respective Collectors of the said Rate or Tax are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting, and paying the same unto the General Treasurer, before or at the Time in this Act limited.

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WE the Subscribers beg Leave to dissent from the foregoing Act : Because in our Opinions, the Poll-Tax ought to be first deducted, otherwise Persons possessed of equal Estates in different Towns, will be rated in different Proportions.----Because it is wholly unprecedented that after a Tax hath been proportioned upon the Inhabitants of the several Towns, and partly collected, to alter the same, and assess the Tax anew ; the natural Consequence of which,

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will

will be, that such Towns in the Colony, as shall say they are aggrieved will not proceed to levy their Taxes, but postpone it, in Hopes of it's being afterwards altered by the General Assembly. And further we are of Opinion, that it will not only introduce great Confusion in raising Money by a Tax and have a great Tendency to prevent it, but will also have a fatal Effect upon the Credit of the Colony; the Consequence of which may be the General Treasurer's being immediately sued by every Person to whom the Colony is indebted.

*Gideon Hoxsey,
Thomas Freebody,
Daniel Mowrey, jun.
Samuel Durfee,
Nathaniel Searle, jun.
John G. Wanton,
William Cooke,
George Hazard,
William Bradford,
Thomas Church,
Simeon Potter,*

*William Read,
William Potter,
John Barker,
Thomas Coggeshall, jun.
William Hazard,
Oliver Hazard,
John Almy,
Jeremiah Lawton,
Samuel Carr,
Caleb Aldrich,
Paul Niles,
Stephen Hassard,*

I the Subscriber do join in the First Reason assigned in the above Protest.
Edward Perry.

It is Voted and Resolved. That those Towns which have proceeded to assess their Inhabitants by Virtue of the Act passed at last *February* Session, be repaid their Expences out of the General Treasury; their Accounts being first presented to, and passed upon, by the General Assembly.

AND it is also Voted and Resolved, That no further Proceedings be had upon any such Assessment made in Conformity to the said Act.

Executions
against the
Town Treasurers of
such Towns
as are delin-
quent in the
Payment of
their Taxes
to be stayed
till next Ses-
sion.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Executions issued against the Town Treasurers of such Towns as are delinquent in the Payment of their Taxes, be stayed till the next Session of this Assembly: And that such delinquent Towns pay Interest, at the Rate of Six per Centum, per Annum, for the Sums for which they are respectively delinquent, until the next Session of this Assembly.

May, 1796.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That the Election of Officers, not chosen at this Session, be referred to the next Session : And that in the mean Time, the Persons now in Office be, and they are hereby, continued in their respective Offices, with as full Power and-Authority as they have at any Time heretofore had.

Officers in
whose Stead
others have
not been
chosen, con-
tinued,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within, Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in the Colony : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the Second *Monday* in *June* next, then to meet in the Town of *Newport*.

Adjourn-
ment

G O D Save the KING.

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HENRY WARD, Secy.

A TRUE COPY :

WITNESS,

Henry Ward Secy

June, 1769.

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America* ; begun and holden by Adjournment, at *Newport*, within and for the said Colony, on the Second Monday in *June*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-nine, and Ninth of the Reign of his Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. *Joseph Wanton*, Esq;

G O V E R N O R.

The Hon. *Darius Sessions*, Esq;

D E P U T Y - G O V E R N O R,

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|------------------------|---|-------------|
| PELEG THURSTON, Esq; | } | Assistants. |
| JOB BENNET, Esq; | | |
| SOLOMON DROWN, Esq; | | |
| DAVID HARRIS, Esq; | | |
| WESTON HICKES, Esq; | | |
| THOMAS WICKES, Esq; | | |
| JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq; | | |
| JOHN CONGDON, Esq; | | |
| JOSEPH HASZARD, Esq; | | |
| WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq; | | |

The S E C R E T A R Y,

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker,

NEWPORT :

*Mr. John Wanton, (Son of Gideon)**George Hazard, Esq;**Capt. Samuel Carr,**Capt. William Read,**Mr. Thomas Freebody.*

PROVIDENCE :

*Daniel Jenckes, Esq;**Mr. Moses Brown,**Benoni Pearce, Esq;**Mr. Job Smith.*

PORTSMOUTH :

*Mr. SPEAKER,**Benjamin Hall, Esq;**Mr. Jeremiah Lawton,**John Almy, Esq.*

WARWICK :

*Philip Greene, Esq;**James Arnold, Esq;**Stephen Arnold, Esq;**Thomas Rice, Esq.*

WESTERLY :

*Capt. Edward Saunders,**Joseph Clarke, jun. Esq.*

NEW-SHOREHAM :

None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

*Mr. Ezekiel Gardner,**Mr. John Northup.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

*William Potter, Esq;**Mr. Stephen Haslard.*

EAST-GREENWICH :

*Preserved Peirce, jun. Esq;**William Peirce, Esq.*

JAMESTOWN :

*Mr. Oliver Hazzard,**Mr. William Hazzard.*

SMITHFIELD :

*Caleb Aldrich, Esq;**Daniel Mowrey, jun. Esq.*

SCITUATE :

*Job Randall, Esq;**Benjamin Slack, Esq.*

GLOUCESTER :

*Mr. WILLIAM ELLERY Clerk, of the Lower House.**Thomas Owen, Esq;**Rufus Smith, Esq.*

CHARLESTOWN :

*Gideon Hoxsey, Esq;**Job Taylor, Esq.*

WEST-GREENWICH :

*Benjamin Tillinghast, Esq;**Isaac Johnston, Esq.*

COVENTRY :

Stephen Potter, Esq;

EXETER :

*Daniel Barber, Esq;**Daniel Sunderlin, Esq.*

MIDDLETOWN :

*John Barker, Esq;**Mr. Thomas Coggeshall.*

BRISTOL :

*Col. Simeon Potter,**William Bradford, Esq.*

TIVERTON :

*Samuel Durfee, Esq;**William Cooke, Esq.*

LITTLE-COMPTON :

*Thomas Church, Esq;**Nathaniel Searle, jun. Esq.*

WARREN :

*Mr. Cromel Child,**Samuel Allen, Esq.*

CUMBERLAND :

Jeremiah Whipple, Esq.

RICHMOND :

*Edward Perry, Esq;**Joshua Clarke, Esq.*

CRANSTON :

Gideon Comstock, Esq.

HOPKINTON :

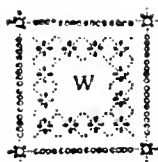
*Mr. Thomas Wells, jun.**Mr. Abel Tanner.*

JOHNSTON :

*Henry Harris, Esq;**Abraham Belknap, Esq.*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

*Thomas Olney, Esq;**Mr. Job Olney.*



HEREAS Mr. *Job Briggs*, represented unto this Assembly, That in August, 1766, he being Constable of *Warwick*, received the King's Writ to apprehend *John Woodward* and his Wife, which he effected, and committed them to Gaol at *East-Greenwich*; that he was Four Days and Nights in that Service; and that the Expences of summoning Witnesses, of his Aid, together with his own Time and lawful Fees amounted to Three Pounds, Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, which he hath never received, nor any Part thereof: And therefore he prayed this Assembly to allow him that Sum out of the General Treasury.

Job Briggs
allowed 3l.
12s.

On Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Three Pounds, Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Job Briggs*, out of the General Treasury, for his aforesaid Services and Expences.

WHEREAS Messrs. *William Dyre*, and *Freeman Perry*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, viz.

Report of *W.
Dyre* and *F.
Perry*, who
are allowed
12s.

To the Honorable General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode-Island, to sit at Newport, the Second Monday in June, 1769,

A GREEABLE to the Order of your Honors, at your Session in May last, the Subscribers, who, with Mr. *Stephen Champlin*, were appointed to receive of Mr. *Benjamin Peckham*, late Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of *King's-County*, all the Books of Record, Papers, Seal, and every Thing else belonging to said Office, and deliver them unto Mr. *Stephen Haffard*, the present Clerk, have, the First Day of June, *A. D.* 1769, performed the same, giving and taking Receipts therefor.

*William Dyre,
Freeman Perry.*

The Colony Dr. to the Committee,

To our Time and Trouble, £. 0 12 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted; that the Account of the Committee be allowed, and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the

the said *William Dyer*, and *Freeman Perry*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee
to consider
the Letter
from the
Speaker of
the House
of Burgesses
in Virginia,
&c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; *Job Bennet*, Esq; *Joseph Hassard*, Esq; *Daniel Jenckes*, Esq; the Secretary, Mr. *John Wanton*, and *Gideon Comstock*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to take into Consideration the Letter from the Speaker of the House of Burgesses in *Virginia*, addressed to the Speaker of the Lower-House of this Assembly; and also the Resolves of said House of Burgesses, in said Letter inclosed: That they prepare a Draught of an Answer to said Letter, and draw up suitable Resolves, if they think proper; and that they make Report before the Rising of this Assembly.

M. Bowler
allowed £. 1
7s. 6d.

WHEREAS *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Cash paid by him for the Postage of several Letters he received as Speaker of the Lower-House: And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that One Pound, Seven Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Metcalf Bowler*, out of the General Treasury.

*T. Steere, J.
Arnold, and S.
Whipple*, al-
lowed 5l. 17s.
9d.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Thomas Steere*, *Jacob Arnold*, and *Stephen Whipple*, the Assessors of Rates, for the Town of *Smithfield*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony for assessing a Rate upon the Inhabitants of that Town, agreeable to an Act passed in February last: And the said Account being duly-examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Five Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Steere*, *Jacob Arnold*, and *Stephen Whipple*, out of the General Treasury.

*P. Burlingham
Z. Waterman,
& J. Randall*,
allowed 3l.
19s. 9d.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Peter Burlingham*, the 3d. *Zuriel Waterman*, and *James Randall*, the Assessors of Rates for the Town of *Cranston*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for assessing a Rate upon the Inhabitants of that Town, agreeable to an Act passed in February last: And the said Account
being

being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Three Pounds, Nineteen Shillings, and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Peter Burlingham, Zuriel Waterman, and James Randall*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Samuel Durfee, John Bowen and Isaac Manchester*, Assessors of Rates for the Town of *Tiverton*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for assessing a Tax upon the Inhabitants of that Town, agreeable to an Act passed in February last: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Four Pounds and Two Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel Durfee, John Bowen, and Isaac Manchester*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Durfee, J. Bowen, I. Manchester allowed £. 4 of. 2d.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Pardon Tillinghast, and Thomas Freebody*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit*:

Report of *P. Tillinghast, & T. Freebody*, who are allowed 12s.

Newport, May 8, 1769.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable General Assembly a Committee to receive of the late Captain of *Fort George*, all the Stores and Ordnance belonging to said Fort, and deliver them to Capt. *Thomas George*, the present commanding Officer of said Fort, taking and giving Receipts for the same, have, in Obedience to said Appointment, completed the said Work, and herewith deliver a List of said Stores, &c. together with Capt. *George's* Receipt for the same. All which is submitted by your Honors

Most obedient humble Servants,

*Pardon Tillinghast,
Thomas Freebody.*

Colony of *Rhode-Island* Dr. to the Committee,

To our Time and Trouble, 1 Day each, £. 0 12 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted: That the Account of the Committee be allowed, and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Pardon Tillinghast and Thomas Freebody*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Jeffers, S. Brown, & J. Card, allowed 2l. 0s. 2d. WHEREAS Messrs. *Jonathan Jeffers, Samuel Brown, and James Card*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony for cleaning the Colony House in *Newport*, from June, 1768, to June, 1769, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Two Pounds and Two Pence, lawful Money, thereof, be allowed and paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers, Samuel Brown, and James Card*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee to deliver the Stores in the Court House at Newport to the Sheriff. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast, and John Davis*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to receive of *Joseph G. Wanton*, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, the Small-Arms and other military Stores belonging to the Colony, deposited in the Court-House in *Newport*, and deliver them to *Walter Chalonier*, Esq; the present Sheriff of that County, taking a Receipt of him for the same.

S. and W. Vernon allowed 15s. 9d. WHEREAS Messrs. *Samuel and William Vernon*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for a Ream of Paper delivered the Printer : And the said Account being duly considered, *it is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Fifteen Shillings and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel and William Vernon*, out of the General Treasury.

A. Lopez, allowed 1l. 2s. 9d. WHEREAS Mr. *Aaron Lopez*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Ream of Paper delivered the Printer : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that One Pound, One Shilling and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Aaron Lopez*, out of the General Treasury.

W. Wheaton, allowed 8s. 6d WHEREAS Mr. *William Wheaton*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for repairing the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Eight Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money thereof, be allowed and paid the said *William Wheaton*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS the Honorable *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esq; Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, and Mr. *Edward Thurston*; jun. who were appointed a Committee to receive of the Honorable *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; the late Governor, the Charter, Chest, and all Papers in his Hands belonging to the Colony, and deliver them to the Hon. *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; the present Governor; giving and taking Receipts for the same, made Report to this Assembly, That they had performed the said Business, & to their Report subjoined the following Account, Colony of *Rhode-Island*, &c. to *P. Tillinghast* and *E. Thurston*, jun. Dr.

Report of J. Wanton, jun. P. Tillinghast, & E. Thurston, jun. the Two latter of whom are allowed 12s.

To our Service in doing said Business, 1 Day each,

£. 0 12 0

ALL which, being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; that the said Account be allowed, and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Pardon Tillinghast*, and *Edward Thurston*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *Daniel Mowry*, jun. Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for copying and transmitting to the General Treasurer, the Rate Bill of the Town of *Smithfield*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Ten Shillings and One Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel Mowry*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

D. Mowry allowed 10s.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers, *to wit*:

Officers chosen.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| <i>James Helme</i> , Esq; | Chief | Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, in and throughout the Colony. |
| <i>Benoni Hall</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Nathaniel Searle</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Thomas Greene</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Gideon Comstock</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

Knight Dexter, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Abraham Winsor, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Cbad Brown, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

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June, 1769.

Benjamin Tillingbast, Esq; Fifth Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*, in the Room of *Job Spencer*, Esq; who refused.

Daniel Bradford, Esq; Third Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*, in the Room of *Sylvester Child*, Esq; who refused.

Daniel Hopkins, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Scituate*, in Addition to those already chosen.

Hopkins Wilcox, and *Robert Crandall*, Esq's. Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Exeter*, in Addition to those already chosen.

Peleg Williams and *Andrew Harris*, Esq's. Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Johnston*, in Addition to those already chosen.

Simeon Burdick, Esq; Fourth Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Westerly*, in the Room of *Thomas Thompson*, Esq; who refused.

Caleb Hill, Esq; Seventh and *Robert Hall*, (Son of *William*) Ninth Justices of the Peace for the Town of *North-Kingstown*, in the Room of *Ishmael Spink*, and *George Thomas*, (Son of *John*) Esq's. who refused.

Job Spencer, *Philip Greene*, *Judiah Ailworth*, *Samuel Hopkins*, jun. *William Nichols*, *David Hopkins*, *George Dyre*, and *James Reynolds*, jun. Esq's. Justices of the Peace for the Town of *West-Greenwich*.

Samuel Wall, Esq; Third Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Coventry*, in the Room of *James Waterman*, Esq; who refused.

John Maxson, jun. *Thomas Wells*, jun. *Nathan Burdick*, and *John Larkin*, Esq's. Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Hopkinton*.

John Shearman. Esq; Second Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Portsmouth*, in the Room of *Robert Dennis*, Esq; who refused.

Thomas Tillingbast, and *Sylvester Sweet*, Esq's. Justices of the Peace for the Town of *East-Greenwich*, in Addition to those already chosen.

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| <i>John Forrester</i> , | Captain | } Of the First Troop of Horse in the County of <i>Newport</i> . |
| <i>James Cotterell</i> , | Lieutenant | |
| <i>Benedict Dayton</i> , | Cornet | |
| <i>Nathaniel Sowle</i> , | Quarter-Master | |

Benjamin

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| <i>Benjamin Crandall,</i> Captain | } Of the the Second Troop of Horſe in the County of <i>Newport</i> . |
| <i>Thomas Davenport,</i> Lieutenant | |
| <i>Zebedee Stoddard,</i> Cornet | |
| <i>Job Wilbur,</i> Quarter-Maſter | |

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| <i>John Matthewsſon,</i> Captain | } Of the Troop of Horſe in the County of <i>Pro-</i> <i>vidence</i> . |
| <i>Jabez Pierce,</i> Firſt Lieutenant | |
| <i>Daniel Manton,</i> Second Lieut. | |
| <i>Chriſtopher Olney,</i> Quarter-Maſt. | |

OFFICERS to command the ſeveral Trained Bands, or
Companies of Militia, in the Colony.

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| <i>Newport :</i> | Second Company. |
| Firſt Company. | <i>James Allen,</i> (Second) Capt. |
| <i>Ezra Pope,</i> Captain. | <i>Thomas Allen,</i> Lieutenant. |
| <i>Hampton Lillibridge,</i> Lieut. | <i>William Remington,</i> Enſign. |
| <i>James Pitman,</i> jun. Enſign. | <i>Warwick :</i> |
| Second Company. | Firſt Company. |
| <i>Benjamin Dunbam,</i> Captain. | <i>Benjamin Arnold,</i> jun. Capt. |
| <i>Robert Dunbam,</i> Lieutenant. | <i>John Greene,</i> (Son of <i>Richard</i>) |
| <i>Joſeph Pike,</i> Enſign. | (Lieutenant. |
| Third Company. | <i>Job Smith,</i> Enſign. |
| <i>Eliſha Lawton,</i> Captain. | Second Company. |
| <i>Stephen Hawkins,</i> Lieutenant. | <i>William Waterman,</i> Captain. |
| <i>Lemuel Baily,</i> Enſign. | <i>Reuben Wightman,</i> Lieut. |
| Fourth Company. | <i>William Matthewsſon,</i> Enſign. |
| <i>Joſhua Sayer,</i> jun. Captain. | Third Company. |
| <i>James Davis,</i> Lieutenant. | <i>Caleb Greene,</i> Captain. |
| <i>Joſeph Smith,</i> Enſign. | <i>Chriſtopher Lavalley,</i> Lieut. |
| <i>Providence :</i> | <i>Waterman Tibbits,</i> Enſign. |
| Firſt Company. | <i>Wefterly :</i> |
| <i>Jonathan Arnold,</i> Captain. | Firſt Company. |
| <i>Joſeph Olney,</i> jun. Lieutenant. | <i>Oliver Babcock,</i> Captain. |
| <i>Richard Godfrey,</i> Enſign. | <i>Daniel Maxſon,</i> Lieutenant. |
| Second Company. | <i>Joſhua Voſe,</i> Enſign. |
| <i>Elijah Bacon,</i> Captain. | Second Company. |
| <i>Zepheniab Anarews,</i> Lieut. | <i>Samuel Champlin,</i> Captain. |
| <i>Aſa Franklin,</i> Enſign. | <i>Joſhua Roſs,</i> Lieutenant, |
| <i>Portſmouth :</i> | <i>John Gavet,</i> Enſign. |
| Firſt Company. | New-Shoreham Company. |
| <i>Holder Almy,</i> Captain. | <i>Thomas Dickins,</i> Captain. |
| <i>John Wilcox,</i> jun. Lieutenant. | <i>Tormut Roſe,</i> Lieutenant. |
| <i>Job Shearman,</i> jun. Enſign. | <i>John Mott,</i> Enſign. |
| C | <i>North-Kingſtown :</i> |

North-Kingstown :

First Company.

John Allen, jun. Captain.
Nicholas Spink, Lieutenant.
Jeremiah Aylworth, Ensign.
 Second Company.

Carr Northup, Captain.

John Congdon, jun. Lieut.

David Northup, Ensign.

Third Company.

William Boone, Captain.

George Congdon, Lieutenant.

Anthony Rathbone, Ensign.

South-Kingstown .

First Company.

Samuel Oatley, Captain.

Thomas Steadman, jun. Lieut.

William Hull, Ensign.

Second Company.

Richard Gardner, Captain.

Ezekiel Gardner, Lieutenant.

Gardner William Mumford,
 (Ensign.)

East-Greenwich :

First Company.

James Searle, Captain,

John Pearce, jun. Lieutenant,

William Sweet, jun. Ensign.

Second Company.

Allen Johnston, Captain.

Job Vaughan, Lieutenant.

Jonathan Tibbits, Ensign.

Jamestown Company :

William Martin, Captain.

Benjamin Carr, Lieutenant.

Samuel Slocum, jun. Ensign.

Smithfield :

First Company.

Gideon Sayles, Captain.

Benjamin Medbury, Lieut.

Jeremiah Jenckes, Ensign.

Second Company.

Simeon Aldrich, Captain.

Israel Mowry, Lieutenant.

Israel Comstock, Ensign.

Third Company.

William Potter, Captain.

Abraham Matthewson, Lieut.

Nebemiah Smith, Ensign.

Scituate :

First Company.

Andrew Angell, Captain.

Joseph Knight, Lieutenant.

Jeremiah Fiske, Ensign.

Second Company.

Peter Cooke, Captain.

Simeon Herrenden, Lieut.

Constant Weaver, Ensign.

Third Company.

Joseph Kimbal, Captain.

John Pratt, Lieutenant.

Philemon Hynes, Ensign.

Fourth Company.

John Rounds, Captain.

John Colvil, Lieutenant.

Richard Smith, (Son of John)

Gloucester : (Ensign.)

First Company.

David Burlingham, Captain.

Jeremiah Bishop, Lieutenant.

Nathan Pain, Ensign.

Second Company.

John Inman, jun. Captain.

Preserved Herrenden, Lieut.

Job Binson, Ensign.

Third Company.

Thomas Wood, Captain.

Thomas Bussey, Lieutenant,

Arnold Lewis, Ensign.

Charlestown Company.

Joseph Wilcox, Captain.

Amos Greene, jun. Lieutenant.

Edward Crandall, Ensign.

West-Greenwich :

First Company.

John Case, jun. Captain.

William Davis, Lieutenant.

Robert Godfrey, Ensign.

Second

Second Company.

Jacob Lewis, Captain.
Henry Matthewson, Lieut.
Thomas Gorton, Ensign.

Third Company.

Thomas Ratbone, Captain.
Samuel Potter, Lieutenant.
Abel Aylworth, Ensign.

Exeter :

First Company.

Huling Gardner, Captain.
Elisha Gardner, Lieutenant.
Ezekiel Tripp, Ensign.

Second Company.

Jonathan Barber, Captain.
Job Wilcox, Lieutenant.
John Bates, Ensign.

Middletown Company.

Matthew Coggeshall, Captain.
Joseph Rider, jun. Lieut.
Jonas Coggeshall, Ensign.

Tiverton :

First Company.

John Cook, (Son of Samuel)
 (Captain).
Benjamin Earle, Lieutenant.
Philip Gray, Ensign.

Second Company.

Daniel Dwelly, Captain.
John Jennings, jun. Lieut.
John Stafford, Ensign.

Little-Compton Company :

Cornelius Simmons, Captain.
Ichabod Wood, Lieutenant.
Comfort Searle, Ensign.

Warren :

First Company.

John Child, Captain.
Benjamin Barton, Lieut.
Samuel Pearce, Ensign.

Second Company,

John Martin, Captain.
Elkanah Humphry, Lieut.
Samuel Bosworth, Ensign.

Cumberland :

First Company.

Benjamin Tower, Captain.
Benjamin Walcott, Lieut.
Timothy Ide, Ensign.

Second Company.

Enoch Tower, Captain.
Jonathan Mason, Lieutenant.
Jeremiah Bartlett, Ensign.

Richmond Company.

Joseph Hoxsey, jun. Captain.
Joseph Tefft, jun. Lieutenant.
Samuel Clarke, Ensign.

Cranston :

First Company.

Robert Briggs, Captain.
Ezekiel Warner, Lieutenant.
John Fenner, Ensign.

Second Company.

Zachariah Tucker, Captain.
James Field, Lieutenant.
Meshech Potter, Ensign.

Third Company.

Christopher Lippitt, Captain.
William Burton, jun. Lieut.
Caleb Burlingham, Ensign.

Hopkinton :

First Company.

Samuel Babcock, Captain.
Joshua Wells, Lieutenant.
Barker Wells, Ensign.

Second Company.

Abel Tanner, Captain.
Josias Witter, Lieutenant.
John Witter, jun. Ensign.

Johnston Company.

Seth Tripp, Captain,
Israel Angell, Lieutenant.
Daniel Waterman, Ensign.

North-Providence Company.

Enoch Angell, Captain.
Daniel Clarke, Lieutenant.
Silas Bundy, Ensign.

Philip

Philip Taylor, Esq; Second Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Little-Compton*, in the Room of *Thomas Browning* Esq; who refused.

J. Dexter, A. Brown, and P. Darling allowed 2l. 12s. WHEREAS Messrs. *John Dexter*, *Abial Brown*, and *Peter Darling*, the Assessors of Rates for the Town of *Cumberland*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for assessing a Rate upon the Inhabitants of that Town, agreeable to an Act passed in February last : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Two Pounds, Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Dexter*, *Abial Brown*, and *Peter Darling*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Jenckes allowed Interest. WHEREAS this Assembly at the Session in February 1768. ordered that Capt. *Stephen Jenckes* should be paid Nine Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Eight Pence, lawful Silver Money, out of the General Treasury, which remains unpaid, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Interest on the said Sum, from that Time till it shall be paid, be allowed and paid the said *Stephen Jenckes* out of the General Treasury.

C. Brown allowed 19s 6d. WHEREAS Mr. *Clarke Brown*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Pair of Blankets, delivered the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, for the Use of the poor Prisoners at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Nineteen Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Clarke Brown*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee to audit *P. Phillips's* Account. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Stephen Arnold*, Esq; *Jeremiah Whipple*, Esq; and Mr. *John Northup*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Peter Phillips*, Esq; and that they make Report before the Rising of this Assembly.

Report of the Committee who audited the Accounts of *P. Phillips*. WHEREAS *Stephen Arnold*, Esq; *Jeremiah Whipple*, Esq; and Mr. *John Northup*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

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IN Obedience to the Appointment of the General Assembly, we the Subscribers having taken into Consideration the Account of *Peter Phillips*, Esq; against the Colony, and carefully examined the several Articles therein contained, and the Vouchers do report. That £. 1049 19s. 2d. Old Tenor, equal to £. 39 7s. 5d. $\frac{1}{2}$ lawful Money, ought to be allowed and paid the said *Peter Phillips*, out of the General Treasury; which is submitted by,

Stephen Arnold,
Jeremiah Whipple,
John Northup.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of Thirty-nine Pounds, Seven Shillings and Five Pence, One Third, lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said *Peter Phillips*, out of the General Treasury.



WHEREAS divers Merchants in this Colony preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That although there are good and wholesome Laws provided for regulating the Fees of the Officers of his Majesty's Customs within this Colony, and suitable Penalties inflicted upon any Officer of the Customs, who shall take greater Fees than is prescribed by the Laws of this Colony, or who shall delay to clear out or enter any Vessel, or who shall neglect to have the Table of Fees hanging up in his Office; yet that the Merchants, especially Strangers, having Trade and Navigation in the Colony, will labour under great Inconveniencies, if the Suits and Prosecutions for Breaches of the Laws against any Custom-House Officer, must be brought to the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas at their stated Terms: And thereupon they prayed, that in such Cases, Trials may be had in a more summary Way:

Officers of the
Customs may
be sued to
special Courts

And the Premises being duly considered,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That all such Suits or Prosecutions, which, by the Laws of this Colony, might be brought against any Officer of his Majesty's Customs in this Colony, for taking greater Fees than is prescribed

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by the Laws of this Colony, or for delaying to clear out any Vessel, or for neglecting to have the Table of Fees hanging up in his Office ; may be brought to a special Inferior Court of Common Pleas within the County where the Offence shall be committed, in the same Manner, and under the same Restrictions and Regulations as Special Courts may be had or held upon Suits or Actions brought against Sheriffs and Vendue-Masters : And that the Judgment entered up by the Justices of the Inferior Court, so specially called and held, shall be final.



Attorney.
General to
assist G. Tay-
lor, respect-
ing Obadiab
Jenckes's
Mortgage.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Attorney-General assist George Taylor, Esq; (who manages the Colony's Business in the County of *Providence*) in the Matter of the Colony on a Mortgage made by Obadiab Jenckes, and that the best Measures be consulted and pursued by them in securing the Colony's Interest in that Behalf.

Town of
Little Compton
allowed
3l. 24s. 6c.

WHEREAS there was laid before this Assembly, an Account, charged by the Town of *Little-Compton*, against the Colony, for the Expences of assessing a Rate on the Inhabitants of that Town, agreeable to an Act passed in February last : And the said Account, being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Three Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the Treasurer of the said Town of *Little-Compton*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Smith al-
lowed 18s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Smith*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences in carrying the Rate-Bills to the several Sheriffs : And the said Account, being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Balance thereof, be paid the said *Samuel Smith*, out of the General Treasury.

Executions
against
Town-Trea-
surers stayed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Executions issued against the Town Treasurers of such Towns, as are delinquent in the Payment of their Taxes, be stayed till the next Session of this Assembly : That such delinquent Towns pay Interest at the Rate of Six per Centum, per Annum

Annum, upon the Sums for which they are respectively delinquent, until the same shall be paid : And that the Collectors of Taxes in the several Towns be, and they are hereby, empowered to collect the Interest as well as Principal.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Rogers*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Work done upon the Gaol in the County of *Newport* : *J. Rogers* allowed £. 0. 6*s.* 9*d.* And the said Account, being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, And that Six Shillings and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Rogers*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS there was laid before this Assembly an Account, charged by the Town of *Middletown*, against the Colony, for the assessing the Rate ordered in February last, upon the Inhabitants of that Town : And the said Account, being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Three Pounds, Eleven Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the Treasurer of the said Town, out of the General Treasury. Town of *Middletown* allowed £. 3 11*s.* 0*d.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That when any Officer shall be removed from his Office, and another chosen in his Room, and a Committee shall be appointed to receive of the Person removed from his Office, and deliver to the Person chosen, the Books, Papers, &c. belonging to such Office, or any Articles belonging to the Colony, which shall be in the Care of the Person removed, and which by Law or Custom are shifted with the Office, that then and in such Case, the Committee so appointed, shall be paid for their Service, by the Person chosen to such Office ; the Account of such Committee, being First laid before, and approved of by, the General Assembly. Persons elected to Offices to pay the Expence of removing the Offices.

It is Voted and Resolved, That no Cost shall be allowed and taxed in Criminal Prosecutions, by any Courts in this Colony, where the Person prosecuted shall be acquitted. No Cost to be taxed in criminal Cases where the Person is acquitted.

WHEREAS an Account was laid before this Assembly, charged by the Town of *Newport*, against the Colony, for the Expences of assessing the Rate ordered in February last Town of *Newport* allowed £. 17 0*s.* 11 1/2*d.*

last upon the Inhabitants of that Town : And the said Account, being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Seventeen Pounds and Eleven Pence, Half Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the Treasurer of the said Town of *Newport*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Messrs. *John Almy, Thomas Shearman, and Samuel Peirce*, the Assessors of Rates for the Town of *Portsmouth*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for assessing the Rate ordered in February last upon the Inhabitants of that Town : And the said Account, being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed : And that Four Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and One Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Almy, Thomas Shearman, and Samuel Peirce*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Almy,
S. Shearman,
and S. Peirce*
allowed
£. 4. 17. 1.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this Assembly, That the Artillery Company in *King's-County*, have not conformed themselves to their Charter, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Officers of said Company be cited, by the Deputies of the Town of *Westerly*, to appear before this Assembly at the next Session, to answer the Complaint which hath been made against said Company.

Officers of
the Artillery
Co. in *King's*
County ci-
ted.

WHEREAS *John Pitman*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Work, by him done upon the Colony House in *Newport* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Ten Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Pitman*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Pitman al-
lowed £. 4 6.

WHEREAS *Daniel Jenckes* and *Gideon Comstock*, Esq's. presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

Report of *D.
Jenckes, and
G. Comstock.*

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly held at *Newport*, on the First Wednesday in May last, a Committee to make Inquiry into the Colony's Right to a Tract of Land lying in *Scituate*, on which a Judgment of Court had been obtained in Favour of the Colony, Execution issued,

sued, and Possession taken in Behalf of the Colony, &c. for which Piece of Land, *Edward Lillibridge*, &c. also brought an Action at last December Court, at *Providence*, obtained a Judgment for the same, had the same Judgment confirmed at the Superior Court, held in said *Providence*, in March last past by Default. do report, That we have examined into the Premises, and that it appears to us, that *Obadiab Jenckes's* Grantor, *Jonathan Weaver*, had not Right to the Land in Dispute, and of Course could give no Title; therefore we think it will be best for the Colony to pursue their Judgment and Execution against the Land in Question, unless some other Manner be found more advantageous to the Colony, as we are informed that said *Weaver* hath purchased said Estate of said *Lillibridge*, to quiet said *Jenckes* on his Warranty. All which is submitted,

Daniel Jenckes,
Gideon Comstock.

AND the foregoing Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

WHEREAS *William Coddington*, Esq; Town-Clerk of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for copying the Rate-Bill of the Rates, assessed upon the Inhabitants of that Town, in Pursuance of an Act passed in February last: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Coddington*, out of the General Treasury.

W. Coddington
allowed 18s.

WHEREAS *Joseph Crandall*, *Nathan Babcock*, and *Joseph Clarke*, jun. Esq's. Assessors of Rates for the Town of *Westerly*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for assessing upon the Inhabitants of that Town, the Rate ordered in February last: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Three Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Crandall*, *Nathan Babcock*, and *Joseph Clarke*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

J. Crandall,
N. Babcock,
and *J. Clarke,*
allowed 3l.
14s. 9d.

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Report of J. **WHEREAS** *Job Bennett, Esq; Metcalf Bowler, Esq; and*
Bennet, M. Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, presented unto this Assembly the
Bowler, and following Report, *to wit* :
P. Tillinghast,
 allowed 185.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed, by the Hon'ble General Assembly at their Session in May last, a Committee to audit the Accounts of Mr. *Jonathan Willson*, the late Naval Officer, do report, That we have carefully examined the Books and Accounts, by him produced, and do find, that there is due to the Colony, from Mr. *Jonathan Willson*, on the Adjustment of his Accounts, the Sum of Ninety-three Pounds, Seven Shillings and Eleven Pence, lawful Money : And also, by Information of Mr. *Willson*, he left unused, Three Forty Gallon Casks of Oil, and Wick enough for the whole ensuing Year. All which we submit, and are the General Assembly's most humble Servants,

Job Bennet,
Metcalf Bowler,
Pardon Tillinghast.

The Colony Dr. to the Committee,
 To our Service in examining the Books, and
 settling the said Accounts, 1 Day each £. 0 18 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted, That the Account of the Committee be allowed, and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Job Bennett, Metcalf Bowler, and Pardon Tillinghast*, out of the General Treasury.

Report of J. **WHEREAS** *Job Bennet, Esq; Mr. Pardon Tillinghast,*
Bennet, P. and *George Hazard, Esq;* presented unto this Assembly, the
Tillinghast & following Report and Account, *to wit* :
G. Hazard,
 allowed 181.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly a Committee to receive of Mr. *William Ellery*, late Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of *Newport*, the Books of Record, Files of Papers, Seal, &c. belonging to said Office, and to deliver the same to *Josias Lyndon, Esq;* the present Clerk, do report, That we have received of the said *William Ellery*, the Books of Record, with the Files of Papers, Minute Books and Seal, belonging to said Office, and

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and have delivered them to *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; the present Clerk, whose Receipt we herewith present for the same.

Job Bennet,
Pardon Tillinghast,
George Hazard.

The Colony of *Rhode-Island* Dr. to the Committee,

To our Service in performing the said Business,

1 Day each,

£. 0 18 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted, That the Account of the Committee be allowed, and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Job Bennet*, *Pardon Tillinghast*, and *George Hazard*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *George Hazard*, *Henry Marchant*, *Moses Brown*, and *Henry Ward*, Esq's. presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, to wit :

To the Hon'ble the General Assembly, of the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, &c. now sitting at *Newport*.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to inquire into the Proceedings of the General Assembly, respecting the Persons who suffered by the Riots in *Newport*, in the Year 1765, and to inquire what Part of their Goods were saved; and also to draught a Letter in Answer to the Earl of *Hillsborough's* Letter, written to the Colony, in Consequence of the Misrepresentations made by Doctor *Moffat*, of the proceedings of this Colony, respecting his Sufferings in said Riot, do report, That we have taken the Evidences of several Persons, shewing that a considerable Part of their Goods were saved; and also prepared a Draught of a Letter to Lord *Hillsborough*: All which we herewith present.

George Hazard,
Henry Marchant,
Moses Brown,
Henry Ward.

The Colony Dr. to *G. Hazard*, *H. Marchant*, and *H. Ward*,

To our Time in performing said Business,

2½ Days each,

£. 2 5 0

And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted; that the Draught of a Letter therewith presented be approved;

Report of *G. Hazard*, *H. Marchant*, *M. Brown*, & *H. Ward*; and the said *G. Hazard*, *H. Marchant*, & *H. Ward*, allowed 15s. each.

proved ; that the Secretary make out, and deliver to his Honor the Governor, Four fair Copies of the said Letter, of the Accounts of *Dr. Thomas Moffat*, *Martin Howard*, Esq; and *Augustus Johnston*, Esq; and also the Depositions taken by the Committee : That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby requested, to sign Two Copies of the said Letter, and transmit them with Copies of the said Accounts, and Depositions, to the Earl of Hillsborough, and also Two Copies of the said Letter, Depositions and Accounts, to the Agent by the First Opportunities : That the Account of the Committee be allowed, and that the Sum therein mentioned, be paid them out of the General Treasury.

Committee
to examine
the Petition
of *E. Wells*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *John Maxson*, *Abel Tanner*, and *Simeon Perry*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee, at the Expence of the Petitioner, to examine into the Subject-Matter of the Petition of *Edward Wells*, to this Assembly ; that they report thereon, at the next Session, in what Method, if any, the Petitioner can be relieved without Prejudice to the Colony : And that, in the mean Time, the Colony's Execution against the said *Edward Wells*, be stayed

Committee
to examine
into the Pe-
tition of *D.*
Randall.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *John Maxson*, *Abel Tanner*, and *Simeon Perry*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, at the Expence of the Petitioner, to examine into the Subject Matter of the Petition of *David Randall* to this Assembly : That they report thereon at the next Session, in what Method, if any, the Petitioner can be relieved without Prejudice to the Colony : And that, in the mean Time, the Colony's Execution against the said *David Randall*, be stayed.

C. Brown's
Petition re-
ferred to
next Session.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of *Charles Brown*, be referred to the next Session, and that, in the mean Time, no Suit be commenced upon the Mortgages mentioned in the said Petition.

Town of
Warren allow-
ed 3l. 4s. 9d.

WHEREAS *John Brown*, Esq; by the Appointment of the Town of *Warren*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Expences of assessing upon the Inhabitants of that Town, the

the Rate ordered in February last : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Three Pounds, Four Shillings and Eight Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Brown*, out of the General Treasury.



AN ACT in Addition to an Act, entitled “ An Act
“ declaring how far Parents and Children are liable to
“ maintain each other.”

Act in Addition to the Act, declaring how far Parents and Children are liable to maintain each other.

WHEREAS in the said Law, declaring how far Parents and Children are liable to maintain each other, it is, among other Things, declared, That the same shall be heard and determined by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, in the County where the Person of sufficient Ability, who ought to be chargeable with the Support of any Parent, Child or Grand-Child dwells : And whereas sundry Persons may be found chargeable with the Support, and Maintenance of their Relation, agreeable to said Law, who dwell in several Counties : And, as said Law now stands, must have several Adjudications, and Orders of the Courts, in the several Counties, wherein those Relations, chargeable with such Support, and Maintenance, dwell :

To remedy which Inconvenience.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That whenever several Persons stand chargeable with the Support, and Maintenance of their Parent or Parents as aforesaid, Application may be made to, and the Matter fully heard and determined, by any Court of General Sessions of the Peace, in either of the Counties, wherein any of the Persons so chargeable dwell.



It is Voted and Resolved, That *James Helme, Joseph Hazard*, and *Sylvester Robinson*, Esq's, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee, to sell and dispose of the Real Estate of *Thomas Nimret*, Indian Sachem, for the Payment of his Debts : And the same to do in Three
1st Months

Committee to sell. T. Nimret's Estate.

Months from the Rising of this Assembly, agreeable to the Restrictions and Votes already passed for that Purpose.

In Case of an
Appeal to the
King in
Council no
Writ of Re-
view to issue.

It is Voted and Resolved, That whenever an Appeal to the King in Council hath been or may be prayed for, and allowed, and Bond given by the Appellant for prosecuting the same agreeable to Law ; that, in such Case, no Review of said Cause, in this Colony, shall be had, in the Law : And that if any such Writ of Review shall be taken out, the Court, to which the same shall be brought, shall *ex Officio*, bar the same, and award the Defendant his Costs.

The late
Governor al-
lowed £. 30.
and the Dep.
Gov. allowed
£. 15.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Thirty Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed, and paid out of the General Treasury, to the Honorable *Josias Lyndon*, Esq; for his Services, as Governor of this Colony, the last year : And that the Sum of Fifteen Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed, and paid out of the General Treasury, to the Honorable *Nicholas Cooke*, Esq; for his Services as Deputy Governor of this Colony, the last Year.

J. Borden's
Petition re-
ferred.

It is Voted and Resolved, by and with the Consent of both Parties, That the Petition of *John Borden*, which was referred at the last Session, be further referred to the next Session ; and that, in the mean Time, all Proceedings thereon be stayed.

Adjournment

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and, within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be transmitted to the respective Town-Clerks in each County ; and that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the Second Monday in September next, then to meet in the Town of *East-Greenwith*.

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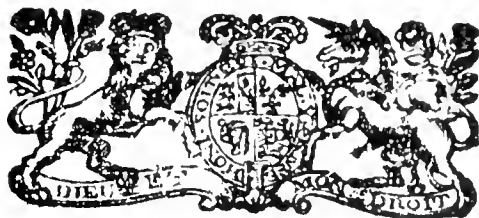
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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America* ; begun and holden by Adjournment, at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the said Colony, on the Second Monday in *September*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand, Seven Hundred & Sixty-nine, and Ninth of the Reign of his Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. *Joseph Wanton*, Esq;

G O V E R N O R.

The Hon. *Darius Sessions*, Esq;

D E P U T Y - G O V E R N O R.

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The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.

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PORTSMOUTH :

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WESTERLY :

None.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

None.

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Mr. William Hazzard.

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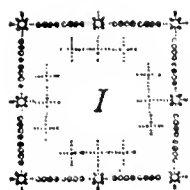
*Thomas Wells, jun. Esq;**Mr. Abel Tanner.*

JOHNSTON :

*Henry Harris, Esq;**Abraham Belknap, Esq.*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

*Thomas Olney, Esq;**Mr. Job Olney.*



It is Voted and Resolved, That Job Bennet, Esq; Capt. William Read, Mr. Thomas Freebody, the Sheriff of the County of Newport, and Mr. Philip Tillinghast, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to examine into the Nuisances about the Gaol in said

Committee to consider of enlarging the Limits of the Gaol in Newport, &c.

County; and to consider what further Enlargements (if any) of the Bounds of the said Gaol may be necessary: And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

WHEREAS Capt. *James Tew*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Work done upon the Gaol in the County of *Newport*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Eleven Shillings and Eleven Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Tew*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

J. Tew, jun. allowed 11s. 11d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Job Caswell* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Work done upon the Gaol in the County of *Newport*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Twelve Shillings and Eleven Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Job Caswell*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Caswell allowed 12s. 11d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Stephen Haffard*, Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Book for Records, purchased by him for the Use of his Office: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that One Pound, Ten Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Stephen Haffard*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Haffard allowed £. 1 10s.

WHEREAS the present Mode of distributing the Estates of Persons dying intestate in this Colony, is found by Experience to be attended with great Inconveniences, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *William Richmond, Oliver Arnold, Henry Marchant, Benoni Pearce, and Henry Ward*, Esqrs. be, and they

Committee to prepare a Bill for the more equal Distributions of the Estate of Intestates.

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are hereby, appointed a Committee to draught an Act for the Distribution of Intestate Estates, more suitable to the Circumstances of the Colony : And that they present the same to this Assembly at the present Session.



Town-Council not to deliver Administration Bonds till Security be given to indemnify them.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That no Town-Council in this Colony be obliged to deliver out any Bond they may have taken for executing the last Will and Testament, or due Administration of the Estate, of any Person deceased, unto any Creditor to, or Person interested in, such deceased Person's Estate, to be put in Suit, until sufficient Security be given to the Town-Council, to their Acceptance, to indemnify such Town-Council from all Costs and Charges that may accrue in any Prosecution thereon.



Report of S. Perry and A. Tanner upon E. Wells's Petition.

WHEREAS *Edward Wells*, of *Hopkinton*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly at the last Session, and represented, That *Benjamin Hall*, late of said *Hopkinton*, deceased, mortgaged to the Colony a Tract of Land, lying partly in said *Hopkinton*, and partly in *Exeter*, containing about Three Hundred Acres : That about Twelve Years ago, the said *Hall* sold said Land to *William York*, who, some Years after, disposed of about Half the said Land to *Amos Palmer*, of said *Hopkinton* ; and since the Remainder hath been sold to the said *Edward Wells* : That there is now about Five Hundred Pounds of the said Mortgage yet unpaid, for which the Colony's Trustees have got Execution against said Land : That the said *Amos Palmer*, although the whole of said Land is mortgaged, and notwithstanding he owns more than Half thereof in Quantity and Value, refuseth to pay any Part of said Mortgage : And thereupon the said *Edward Wells* prayed this Assembly to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant him Relief : Whereupon Messrs. *Simeon Perry*, *John Maxson* and *Abel Tanner*, or any Two of them, were appointed a Committee to examine into the Affair, and directed to report thereon at this Session : And whereas the said *Simeon Perry*, and *Abel Tanner*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report upon a Copy of the said Appointment, *to wit* :

According to the within Appointment, we the Subscribers, having met on the Premises within mentioned to be mortgaged,

ged, &c. and the Parties concerned, namely, *Edward Wells* and *Amos Palmer*, being present, have agreed, that they and their Lands shall stand answerable for the Mortgage Money on their said Lands, that is to say, The One Half of the said Mortgage Money on said *Edward Wells's* Part of said Land, and the other Half of said Money, on the said *Amos Palmer's* Part of said Land : And we are of Opinion that each Part of said Land is sufficiently worth the Half of said Mortgage, if it be Old Tenor, and we do report accordingly.

Hopkinton, Sept. 6, 1769. *Simon Perry,*
Abel Tanner.

And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted, : That if the said *Edward Wells*, or *Amos Palmer*, shall pay One Half of the Money due upon the Execution referred to in said Petition, that then the said Execution shall be returned satisfied for the Sum paid, and the Land of the Person, so paying the same, shall not be exposed to Sale on Account of said Execution : And that an *alias* Execution be issued for the Remainder, to be levied upon the other Half of the Land so mortgaged, unless the Owner thereof shall discharge the same.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Executions issued against the Town-Treasurers of such Towns as are delinquent in the Payment of their Taxes, be stayed till the next Session of this Assembly : That such delinquent Towns pay lawful Interest upon the Sums for which they are respectively delinquent, till the same shall be paid : And that the Collectors of Taxes, in the several Towns, have the same Power to collect Interest from Individuals as heretofore.

Executions against Town-Treasurers stayed.

AN ACT in Addition to an Act entitled, " An Act regulating the Proceedings in Cases of Bastardy".

Act in Addition to the Law regulating Proceedings in Cases of Bastardy.

WHEREAS there is no Provision made, in and by said Law, for securing the reputed or putative Father, before the Birth of any Bastard Child, where the accused Party does not live, nor can be found in the County wherein the pregnant Woman belongs or resides :

For Remedy whereof,

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BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the same Proceedings in all such Cases may be had, previous to the Birth of any such Bastard Child, on Application made to any Assistant or Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General-Gaol Delivery of this Colony, as are directed in and by the said Law, after the Birth of any Bastard Child, where the accused Party does not live, or cannot be found in the County wherein the Mother of such Bastard Child belongs or resides, mutatis mutandis.

AND whereas it sometimes happens, that the Persons charged as the reputed or putative Fathers of Bastard Children, with the Maintenance thereof, are of little or no Estates, and are committed to Gaol for Non-performance of Orders made against them, or for not giving Security to perform the same, and make the Towns liable with their Support in Gaol : *Be it therefore further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when, and so often as, any Man shall stand committed to any of his Majesty's Gaols in this Colony, for the Non-performance of any final Adjudication and Order in Bastardy made up against him, the Town-Council, for the Time being, wherein such Order originated, shall and may bind out, and give and take Indentures of Servitude of, such Prisoner for such Length of Time, and for such Wages or Sum, as the Town-Council shall think convenient and requisite ; which Indentures shall be signed and sealed by the Council Clerk in Behalf of the Council : And that so much of the Wages or Money arising from such Service as shall be necessary to fulfil the Order, and all incident Charges, shall be so applied ; and the Residue, if any there be, shall remain to and for the Use of the Person so charged.*

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Case such Bastard Child shall die or cease to be chargeable to the Town in which born, then, on Application made to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in the same County, the said Court shall be, and hereby is, fully empowered to hear and determine all Matters, as the Circumstances may require, between the Town, the Person bound, and the Person or Persons to whom such Person shall be bound, and to make final Order concerning the same.



WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, and *John Davis*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit* :

Report of *P. Tillinghast* & *J. Davis* who are allowed 12s.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed, by the Hon. General Assembly, a Committee to take an Account of the military Stores in the Colony House at *Newport*, and deliver them to *Walter Chalonier*, Esq; the present Sheriff of the said County, do report, That we have performed the said Business : And herewith present a List thereof, and the said *Chalonier's* Receipt for the same.

Pardon Tillinghast,
John Davis,

The Colony Dr. to the Committee,
To our Service, One Day each,

£. 0 12 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted : That the Account of the Committee be allowed, and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Pardon Tillinghast*, and *John Davis*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *Thomas Cassey*, and *Preserved Pearce*, jun. presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit* :

Report of *T. Cassey* and *P. Pearce*, jun. who are allowed 12s,

IN Pursuance of the Appointment of the General Assembly, we the Subscribers have received of *Andrew Boyd*, Esq; the late Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of *Kent*, all the Books of Record, and the several Files of Papers belonging to that Office, and have delivered them to *Hopkins Cooke*, Esq; the present Clerk of said Court, and have given and taken Receipts for the same,

Thomas Cassey,
Preserved Pearce, jun.

The Colony Dr. to the Committee,
To our Service One Day each,

£. 0 12 0

AND

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted : That the Account of the Committee be allowed, and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Casey* and *Preserved Pearce*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

Committee
to consider
the Letters
from the
Commission-
ers &c. re-
specting the
Naval-Office.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Job Bennet*, Esq; *Mr. Thomas Freebody*, *Mr. Moses Brown*, the Attorney-General, and the Secretary, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to consider Two Letters laid before this Assembly by His Honor the Governor, One from the Commissioners of the Customs at *Boston*, and the other from *John Irving*, Esq; Inspector of Imports and Exports, relative to the Naval-Office : And that they make Report before the Riling of this Assembly.

C. Harris al-
lowed 2l. 12s
9d.

WHEREAS *Caleb Harris*, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Book for Records, by him provided for the Use of his Office : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Two Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Caleb Harris* out of the General Treasury.

Lottery gran-
ted to build a
Work-House
in *North-*
Kingstown.

WHEREAS the Freeholders and Freemen of the Town of *North-Kingstown*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that they are greatly burthened with poor People ; that the building a Work-house in the said Town, in which to employ the Poor, will be of great Advantage : And that at present they are unable to erect the same : And therefore they prayed this Assembly, to grant them a Lottery to raise the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, lawful Money, to be applied towards the Building of said Work-house, agreeable to the Scheme presented with the said Petition ; and that *Beriab Brown*, Esq; *William Hammond*, Esq; Col. *Joseph Taylor*, *Charles Tillinghast*, Esq; and *Mr. Ebenezer Brown*, may be appointed Directors of said Lottery.

Scheme

| Scheme of a Lottery presented with said Petition. | | | |
|---|----|---------------------|----------|
| Nº of Prizes. | | Dollars. | Dollars. |
| 1 | of | 100 | 100 |
| 2 | | 50 | 100 |
| 3 | | 30 | 90 |
| 4 | | 25 | 100 |
| 5 | | 20 | 100 |
| 6 | | 15 | 90 |
| 7 | | 10 | 70 |
| 16 | | 5 | 80 |
| 40 | | 4 | 160 |
| 60 | | 2 | 120 |
| 2590 | | 1 | 2590 |
| <hr/> | | | <hr/> |
| 2734 Prizes. | | | 3600 |
| 1266 Blanks. | | For the Work-House, | 400 |
| <hr/> | | | <hr/> |
| 4000 Tickets at 1 Dollar Each, | | | 4000 |

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted ; the Directors giving Bond according to Custom ; and the Colony being saved from any Expence by the said Lottery.

WHEREAS *James Daniel, William Sachem, David Philip, Henry Harry, and Christopher Harry*, the Council of *Thomas Ninigret*, Sachem of the *Narraganset* Tribe of *Indians*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Committee appointed to make Sale of the Real Estate of said *Thomas Ninigret*, for the Payment of his just Debts, have sold some of the said Lands : That it appears that the whole of his Debts cannot be paid, without selling a Piece of Land, called and known by the Name of *Fort-Neck* ; one Part of which lies to the Southward and the other to the Northward of the Post-Road ; that Part lying to the Southward, being all the Land belonging to the said *Thomas Ninigret*, that joins to the Salt-Pond, upon which all the said Tribe depend for their Fishing : That when the Committee were disposing of the Land of the said *Thomas Ninigret*, he, together with the Petitioners, considering that the Tribe principally depended upon the Fishery for a Living, wanted to dispose of the said Piece of Land called *Fort-Neck*, to such Person or Persons as would be agreeable

Committee appointed to sell the Real Estate of *T. Ninigret*, continued for that Purpose, &c.

to them ; but that the Committee being of Opinion, that the said Land must be disposed of at public Sale, could not allow them that Privilege, and adjourned to the Twenty-seventh Day of this Instant September : And therefore they prayed this Assembly to grant them the Liberty to sell and dispose of the said Piece of Land called *Fort-Neck*, to such Person or Persons as shall be agreeable to them, under the Care and Inspection of the said Committee, and at the Value of the said Land : And whereas the Petitioners further represented, That since the Order of Assembly for selling the Estate of the said *Thomas Ninigret*, for the Payment of his Debts, he hath contracted other Debts for his necessary Subsistence, and if it had not been for the Favours he received from some particular Friends, must have suffered : That every Person to whom he owed any Sum, which could be brought to a Justice's Court, hath sued him, and he hath been obliged to make over every Thing he hath of personal Estate, even to the Clothes on his Back, to prevent his going to Gaol for his small Debts : And that unless a sufficient Quantity of Land be sold, to pay the small Demands against him, he must immediately go to Gaol : And thereupon they further prayed, That the said Committee may be empowered to sell a sufficient Quantity of Land to pay the just Debts, contracted by the said *Thomas Ninigret*, since the General Assembly have restrained him from disposing of his Estate ; the Demands against him being under the same Inspection of the Committee, as those Demands which were against him before the Act of Assembly so restraining him.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed at the last Session to sell & dispose of the Real Estate of *Thomas Ninigret*, Indian Sachem, for the Payment of his Debts, be, & they are hereby, continued a Committee for that Purpose ; and empowered to complete the same within Three Months after the Rising of this Assembly.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Committee be, and they are hereby, empowered, with the Consent of the said Sachem and Five of his Council, to sell a sufficient Quantity of the said Sachem's Lands to pay all the just Debts he now oweth.

And

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Petitioners be, and they are hereby, empowered to sell and dispose of the said Piece of Land, called and known by the Name of *Fort-Neck*, to such Person or Persons as they shall think proper, either at public or private Sale ; the Money arising from the Sale thereof to be paid to the Committee, & to be appropriated to the Payment of the said Sachem's Debts : And that the Deeds of the Estate or Estates which shall be sold in Pursuance of this Act, shall be made and given in the same Manner as is directed by an Act of this Assembly, passed in October, *A. D.* 1768, appointing a Committee to sell and dispose of the Estate of the said *Thomas Ninigret*, for the Payment of his Debts.

WHEREAS *Mr. Moses Brown*, one of the Deputies of the Town of *Providence*, made the following Motion to this Assembly, *viz.*

Moses Brown moves to the Honorable General Assembly, That a Committee be appointed to collect the Papers respecting the Northern Line of this Colony, and procure such Evidences as they may think proper in Order to give the Assembly the necessary Information respecting said Line, to enable them to form a Judgment whether it be necessary to pursue the further Examination and Prosecution of the same : And as an Inducement to this Pursuit, he would observe, That a Committee hath been formerly appointed, who run the Line and made Report, which now lies in the Secretary's Office : That, from the best Information, there may be easily added to the Colony a very considerable Tract of Land, the Inhabitants whereof are very fond of being Subjects of this Government, which they verily think hath a legal Right to govern them : That, as they expected that this Government long ago would stand by them, they openly declared for their Interest in this Colony : That *Connecticut* Colony hath been heretofore invited to join with this Colony in pursuing our Claim upon the *Massachusetts-Bay*, which hath encroached very largely on this Colony ; and as the Line of the Colony of *Connecticut* begins where ours ends, that Colony depends and must depend on our right Settlement of that Line, to know their own Boundary on the Province. And surely no Body will say but that our Line next to the Province ought to be settled, and it is high Time it was done, that the Inhabitants on those Lands may be governed by their proper Colony, and not be harrassed with Taxes, &c. in a Province that they have the strongest Reason to think hath no Right to govern them.

Wherefore

Committee
to collect the
Papers relating
to the
Northern
Boundary
Line of this
Colony, &c.

Wherefore the said *Moses* heartily moves, that this Colony would assert their Right to those Lands, and make proper Inquiry, and appoint a proper Committee for that Purpose : And that *Connecticut* may once more be invited to join and assist us in doing themselves and us Right.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Hon. *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esq; *Jonathan Randall*, Esq; *Mr. Moses Brown*, *Matthew Robinson*, Esq; and the Attorney-General, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine into the Subject-Matter of the foregoing Motion : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Sheriffs of
King's County
and *Kent* to
procure
Chairs for the
Court-Houses
in those Coun-
ties

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *King's-County* be, and he is hereby, directed to provide Three Dozen of common Chairs, for the Use of the Court-House in said County : That the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* be, and he is hereby, directed to provide Three Dozen of common Chairs for the Use of the Court-House in said County : And that they do the same as soon as may be ; and lay the Accounts of the Charges thereof before this Assembly.

R. Dennis al-
lowed 4. 4d.

WHEREAS *Robert Dennis*, Esq; Town-Clerk of *Partsmouth*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Copy of the Assessment of the Rate, upon the Inhabitants of that Town, ordered in February last, by him sent to the General Treasurer : And the said Account being duly examined; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Four Shillings, and Four Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Robert Dennis*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee
to inquire
what Persons
have any of
the Colony's
Money in
their Hands.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. Thomas Freebody*, *Mr. Moses Brown*, *William Bradford*, Esq; *William Greene*, Esq; *James Honeyman*, Esq; *Mr. William Ellery*, and *Oliver Whipple*, Esq; be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed, a Committee, to examine and discover what Money is due to the Colony from particular Persons : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

B. Man ap-
pointed to ex-
amine *J. Ham-*
man's Ac-
count.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. Benjamin Man* be, and he is hereby, appointed to examine the Account present-
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ed by Mr. *Jonatban Hamman*, to this Assembly, for building a Pillory in the County of *Providence*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esq; *Job Bennet*, Esq; *George Hazard*, Esq; Mr. *Thomas Freebody*, *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; and *John Jepson*, Esq; be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to burn all the lawful Money Bills of every Denomination, and also the Crown-Point Money, in the General Treasury: That the said Committee also audit the Secretary's Accounts with the Colony: And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to burn Money in the General Treasury; and to audit the Secretary's Accounts.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *John Maxson*, *Abel Tanner*, and *Simeon Perry*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee, at the Expence of the Petitioner, to examine into the Subject-Matter of the Petition of *David Randall*, to this Assembly: That they report thereon at the next Session in what Method (if any) the Petitioner can be relieved without Prejudice to the Colony: And that, in the mean Time, the Colony's Execution, against the said *David Randall*, be stayed.

D. Randall's Petition referred.

WHEREAS *Augustus Johnston*, Esq; hath requested this Assembly, that a Committee may be appointed to examine into the Losses he sustained by the Riots in *Newport*, in the Year 1765: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *Samuel Freebody*, *William Redwood*, sen. and *Jonathan Nichols*, Innholder, all of *Newport*, afore said, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee, to inquire into the Losses sustained by the said *Augustus Johnston*, by the Riots abovementioned: That the said Committee be, and they are hereby, empowered to call any Person or Persons before them, and examine them upon Oath, respecting said Losses, and that they give due Notice to the said *Augustus Johnston*, of the Time and Place they shall appoint for taking such Evidences, in Order that he may have Opportunity to ask such Questions, and produce such Evidences in his Favour, as he may think proper, and that the said Committee make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to enquire into the Losses sustained by *Augustus Johnston* in the Riots in 1765.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *William Greene*, *Stephen Arnold*, and *Thomas Aldrich*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby,

Committee to audit *Henry Rice's* Accounts.

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hereby, appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *Henry Rice*, Esq; with the Colony : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

T. Spencer allowed 11. 5⁰ WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Spencer* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that One Pound, Five Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Spencer*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Hazard appointed a special Justice of the Inferior Court in the County of Providence. WHEREAS *Job Randall*, Esq; one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of *Providence*, is Defendant in an Action brought to the said Court, by Mr. *Reuben Hopkins*, of *Scituate* ; which Cause was heard at the Term of said Court in June last, and the Jury gave a special Verdict, and the said *Job Randall*, being a Party, did not give his Judgment, and the other Justices were divided in their Opinions : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Joseph Hazard*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed a special Justice of the said Court, in the said Cause, in the Room of the said *Job Randall*, and as fully empowered, to every Intent and Purpose, to hear and determine the same, and award Execution thereon, as either of the other Justices of said Court.

Adjournment *It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be transmitted to the respective Town-Clerks in the County ; and that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the Third Tuesday of October next, if then called, but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is, dissolved.

G O D Save the KING.

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Henry Ward Sec'y



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the said Colony, on the last Wednesday in *October*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-nine, and Tenth of the Reign of his Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of *G O D*, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. *Joseph Wanton*, Esq;

G O V E R N O R.

The Hon. *Darius Sessions*, Esq;

D E P U T Y - G O V E R N O R.

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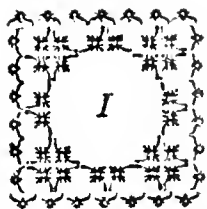
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| George Hazard, <i>Esq.</i> | Maj. Rufus Smith, |
| Capt. Samuel Carr, | Mr. Moses Cooper. |
| Capt. William Read, | CHARLESTOWN : |
| Mr. Thomas Freebody. | Gideon Hoxsie, <i>Esq.</i> |
| PROVIDENCE : | Job Taylor, <i>Esq.</i> |
| Daniel Jenckes, <i>Esq.</i> | WEST-GREENWICH : |
| Mr. Moses Brown, | Mr. Joseph Cafe, |
| Mr. Benjamin Man, | Thomas Tillinghast, <i>Esq.</i> |
| Mr. Job Smith. | COVENTRY : |
| PORTSMOUTH : | Stephen Potter, <i>Esq.</i> |
| Metcalf Bowler, <i>Esq.</i> | EXETER : |
| WARWICK : | Daniel Barber, <i>Esq.</i> |
| Philip Greene, <i>Esq.</i> | George Peirce, <i>Esq.</i> |
| Mr. Benjamin Greene, | MIDDLETOWN : |
| Mr. Paul Greene, | Mr. Thomas Peckham. |
| Mr. Thomas Rice. | BRISTOL : |
| WESTERLY : | None. |
| Capt. Edward Saunders, | TIVERTON : |
| Joseph Clarke, jun, <i>Esq.</i> | None. |
| NEW-SHOREHAM : | LITTLE-COMPTON : |
| None. | Thomas Church, <i>Esq.</i> |
| NORTH-KINGSTOWN : | Nathaniel Searle, jun. <i>Esq.</i> |
| Mr. Ezekiel Gardner, | WARREN : |
| Mr. John Northup. | Ebenezer Cole, <i>Esq.</i> |
| SOUTH-KINGSTOWN : | CUMBERLAND : |
| William Potter, <i>Esq.</i> | Mr. Benjamin Tower. |
| Mr. Samuel Rodman. | RICHMOND : |
| EAST-GREENWICH : | Major Richard Bayley, |
| Maj. Preserved Pearce, jun. | Capt. Caleb Barber. |
| William Peirce, <i>Esq.</i> | CRANSTON : |
| JAMESTOWN : | Gideon Comstock, <i>Esq.</i> |
| Mr. Oliver Hazard, | HOPKINTON : |
| Mr. William Hazard. | Thomas Wells, jun. <i>Esq.</i> |
| SMITHFIELD : | Capt. Abel Tanner. |
| Caleb Aldrich, <i>Esq.</i> | JOHNSTON : |
| Stephen Whipple, <i>Esq.</i> | Mr. John Beverly. |
| SCITUATE : | NORTH-PROVIDENCE : |
| Charles Harris, <i>Esq.</i> | ✧ Elisha Brown, <i>Esq.</i> |

The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, *Esq.* was chosen Speaker, and Mr.
WILLIAM ELLERY Clerk of the Lower House.



It is Voted and Resolved, That the Fines of the Members of the General Assembly, for Non-Attendance upon the first Day of the Session, be raised to Six Shillings, lawful Money: And that the Secretary be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to issue Executions, for all such Fines and Forfeitures as shall be due from any Member of the Lower House, by any Rules or Orders of that House, in the same Manner as for Fines for Non-Attendance: And that the Clerk of the Lower House shall give the Secretary a Certificate of all such Fines and Forfeitures.

Fines of the Members of the General Assembly raised.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Jeffers*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for repairing the Windows in the Gaol in the County of *Newport*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that One Pound, Four Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, out of the general Treasury.

J. Jeffers allowed 1l. 4s. 6d.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Samuel* and *William Vernon*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for a Ream of Paper delivered the Printer, to print the Proceedings of the General Assembly upon: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel* and *William Vernon*, out of the General Treasury.

S & W. Vernon allowed 18s.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Clarke* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-Hire, and Expence, in carrying the Rate-Bills, in *May* last, to the Counties of *Providence*, *King's-County*, *Bristol* and *Kent*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound, Thirteen Shillings thereof, be allowed and paid the said *John Clarke*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Clarke allowed 1l. 13s.

WHEREAS Major *Preserved Pearce*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Expences of repairing the Pavement before the

P. Pearce, jun. allowed 1l. 10s.

the Court House in the County of *Kent*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that One Pound, Ten Shillings and Three Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Preserved Pearce*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

C. Brown's
Petition
granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Charles Brown*, of *North-Kingstown*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That he is seized and possessed of Lands lying in said *North-Kingstown*, which were mortgaged to the Colony, in the Year 1728, by *William Eldred*, jun. of said *North-Kingstown*, and by *Samuel Rathbone*, of *New-Shoreham*: That his Father, *Charles Brown*, deceased, purchasing those Lands, after they were mortgaged, gave Bonds for the principal Sums, in his own Name, and hath paid and taken up the same; but, as it was not expected that any Difficulty would arise, those Bonds were not all preserved; that he hath Three Bonds of each Sort, which, as none remain in the Office undischarged, with the other Circumstances he can shew, will sufficiently prove, that the whole of them have been satisfied: And thereupon he prayed this Assembly, That those Two Mortgage Deeds may be ordered to be cancelled, or discharged, without Suit: And due Inquiry and Examination having been made, respecting the Premises, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said *Charles Brown*, in the foregoing Petition contained, be, and the same is hereby, granted.

D. Randall's
Petition re-
ferred.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of *David Randall*, and the Report of the Committee thereon, be referred to the next Session: Mr. *Nathan Barber*, being present in the Lower House, declared himself affected thereby, and allowed himself sufficiently notified of the same.

The Bounds
of the Gaol
in the Coun-
ty of *Newport*
enlarged.

WHEREAS *Job Bennet*, Esq; Mr. *Thomas Freebody*, *Wal-ter Chalonier*, Esq; and Mr. *Philip Tillinghast*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

WE the Subscribers, being by the Honorable General Assembly, at their Session in *September*, 1769, appointed a Committee to examine into the Nuisances about the Gaol in the County of *Newport*, and to consider what further
Enlargements,

Enlargements, if any, of the Bounds of the said Gaol may be necessary, do report, That in Pursuance of our Appointment as aforesaid, we have examined the Gaol, and find that it is greatly out of Repair, the Rooms designed for the Accommodation of the Prison-Keeper and his Family, as well as those for the Prisoners, extremely offensive, occasioned by the noxious Smell arising from the Filth produced in the inner Apartments, as the Trunks that were fixed in those Rooms, to convey the Excrements into a Drain, are out of Order and very leaky, and the Drain in our Opinion is also stopped, or so badly contrived, that it does not answer the Purpose for which it was designed: The East Side of the House is likewise greatly decayed, and in many Places rotten; and several of the Sash Frames unfit to hold the Glass; the Brick-Wall tumbling down in many Places, and in some Parts it appears to be dangerous for Persons to pass near it. We have also examined the present Bounds of the said Gaol, and are of Opinion, that it would be conducive to the Health of the Prisoners if they were enlarged so as to extend Eastward as far as the East Side of the Street to the Eastward of the Prison Wall, Westward as far as the West Side of the Street to the Westward of the Prison Wall, Northward to the North Side of the Street to the Northward of the Prison Wall; and that Posts be set near the North Side of the Street to the Northward of the Prison Wall, parallel with the East and West Bounds beforementioned.

*Job Bennet,
Thomas Freebody,
Walter Chaloner,
Philip Tillinghast.*

AND the foregoing Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted: And that the Bounds of the said Gaol be enlarged agreeably thereto.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Job Bennet, Esq; Mr. Thomas Freebody, Walter Chaloner, Esq; and Mr. Philip Tillinghast*, be, and they are hereby, continued a Committee to examine further into the State of the Gaol in the County of *Newport*, and to consider what Repairs and Enlargements of said Gaol are necessary; and whether it would be best to erect a new One, and to make an Estimate of the Expence thereof: And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to
examine into
the State of
the Gaol in
the County of
Newport.

AN ACT to enable
Executors
and Admini-
strators to
prosecute or
defend Suits
depending
upon Appeal.

AN ACT to enable Executors and Administrators to prosecute or defend any Suits, that are depending, or which shall hereafter depend, upon Appeal, wherein the Testator or Intestate was, or shall be, Appellant, or Appellee.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority of the same, it is Enacted, That in Case of the Death of any Party, either the Appellant or Appellee, before the Sitting of the Court appealed to, the Executor or Executors, Administrator or Administrators, of such deceased Party, who was Appellant, or Appellee, shall prosecute or defend any such Suit or Action, as shall be depending at the Death of the Testator, or Intestate, from Court to Court, until definitive Judgment. And the Justices of the Court, before whom such Cases are triable, are hereby directed and empowered to hear and determine all such Cases, proceed to Judgment, and award Execution accordingly. And when it shall so happen, that either the Appellant, or Appellee, shall be taken away by Death, at such Time before the Sitting of the Court appealed to, so that the Executor, or Administrator of the deceased, hath not suitable Time to prepare for managing the Cause depending, or to become duly qualified to prosecute or defend the same, in such Case it shall and may be lawful for the Justices, before whom the Cause is to be heard and tried, to suspend the hearing and trying of every such Cause until the next Term.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if, by the Verdict of the Jury, Default or neglect of prosecuting such Appeal, or otherwise, Judgment pass against the Executor, or Administrator, of any Person deceased, the Justices of the Superior or Inferior Courts, respectively, are hereby authorized and directed to make up Judgment against the Estate of the deceased, in the Hands and under the Administration of the Executor, or Administrator, as it should have been in Case the Suit had been originally commenced by or against such Executor or Administrator, in that Capacity. Any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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AN ACT to prevent the spreading of the Murrain, or other contagious Distemper, amongst the horned Cattle in this Colony. Act to prevent the spreading of the Murrain.

WHEREAS a very mortal and contagious Distemper hath lately broke out among the horned Cattle upon Rhode-Island, the spreading whereof may be attended with fatal Consequences: And as there is no Law of this Colony for preventing the communicating the Distemper:

BE it, therefore, Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That no horned Cattle shall be exported from the Island of Rhode-Island, to any Place or Port whatever (the West-Indies only excepted) under the Penalty of Ten Pounds, lawful Money, to be paid by the Person who may export the same, to be prosecuted for, and recovered, by any Person who shall see fit to sue for the same, to the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, for the County where such Cattle shall be imported; One Half Part of which Penalty shall be for the Use of the Person who shall sue for the same, and the other Half Part for the Use of the Town, where such Cattle shall be imported.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Towns in this Colony, in their respective Town-Meetings assembled, be, and they are hereby, fully authorized and empowered to make and pass any Orders, Rules and Regulations, under such Fines and Forfeitures as they shall think proper, for preventing the Introduction of the Murrain, or any other contagious Distemper, among the horned Cattle, into the several Towns in this Colony, and for putting a stop to, and clearing the respective Towns of the Infection, when the same shall break out: That all such Fines and Forfeitures shall be recovered at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in the County where they shall be incurred; the Judgment of which Court shall be final: And that all such Fines and Forfeitures shall be appropriated to the Use of the Town, where such Offence shall be committed.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall remain in Force until the End of the next Session of the General Assembly.

Committee to
prepare a Bill
to prevent the
Introduction
and spreading
of the Mur-
rain in this
Colony.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Henry Marchant*, Esq; *Mr. William Ellery*, and the Secretary, be and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to consider of the most proper and effectual Methods, to prevent the spreading of the Murrain, or any other contagious Distemper, among the horned Cattle in this Colony; and to prevent the Introduction thereof, for the future, into this Colony: And that they prepare a Bill for those Purposes, and present the same to this Assembly, at the next Session.

*Solomon South-
wick* allowed
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WHEREAS *Mr. Solomon Southwick* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Proceedings of the General Assembly at *May, June, and September* Sessions, Treasurers Warrants, Treasurers Notes, Proclamation, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Twelve Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Four Pence Half-Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Solomon Southwick*, out of the General Treasury.



AN ACT to prevent Mischief being done by mad Dogs.

Act to pre-
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WHEREAS a Number of mad Dogs have lately appeared in several Parts of this Colony, by whom several horned Cattle have been killed: And whereas the Inhabitants, as well as the Cattle, Sheep and Horses, are liable to be destroyed by them:

For preventing of so great an Evil,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, *It is Enacted*, That from and after the Rising of this Assembly, it shall and may be lawful for any Freeholder, in this Colony, to kill any Dog or Dogs, that may be seen running at large within the same: That the Dog or Dogs killed, in Consequence of this Act, shall be forthwith buried, without being skinned, by the Person or Persons killing the same: And that this Act shall be in Force until the next Session of this Assembly.

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AN ACT empowering the several Collectors of Rates, in this Colony, to cite or summon Persons, whom they shall suspect to have any Estate of Persons who are rated in any Town in this Colony, and are gone to Sea, or have left the Colony.

Act for the
Payment of
the Rates of
Persons who
have left the
Colony.

WHEREAS the Collectors of Rates, in this Colony, are often put to great Difficulty, in gathering the Rates of Persons who, after being assessed, leave the Colony, and go to Sea or elsewhere :

For Remedy whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That when any Person is legally rated in any Town in this Colony, and shall go to Sea, or leave the Colony, before said Rate is paid, it shall and may be lawful for the Collector of such Town, to whom the Rate-List is committed, to cite or summon any Person or Persons, whom he shall suspect to have any of the Estate of the Person rated, as aforesaid, before any assistant Justice or Warden of such Town, to make Oath or Affirmation, whether he, she, or they, have any Estate of the Person so rated in his, her or their Hands ; which, if he, she, or they, acknowledge that they have, they shall deliver it, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to pay such Rate, with the lawful Cost accruing thereon, to the Collector.

Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, so cited or summoned, shall refuse or neglect to appear, or shall refuse to make Oath or Affirmation, or shall refuse to deliver the Estate of the Person so rated, in every such Case the Collector shall be, and hereby is, empowered to make Distrainment on the Estate of the Person or Persons so refusing, and to deal with him, her or them, as if such Rate had been taxed against him, her or them.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person who shall pay, or have distrained from him, any Monies or Estate, for any Rate, Tax or Cost, as aforesaid, shall be indemnified and fully discharged for the same, from the Person or Persons on whose Account the same shall be paid or distrained.

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WHEREAS

Report of the
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ney in the
General
Treasury.

WHEREAS *Job Bennet*, Esq; *George Hazard*, Esq; *Mr. Thomas Freebody*, and *John Jepsen*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit.*

WE being appointed by the General Assembly, at their Session in *September*, 1769, a Committee, with the Hon. *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esq; and the Hon. *Mercalf Bowler*, Esq; to receive of *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General Treasurer, the lawful Money Bills of every Denomination, and *Crown-Point* Bills, paid into his Office, and to burn the same; do report, That we have received of the said *Joseph Clarke*, in Bills emitted in *February* and *August*, 1756, Two Pounds Four Shillings; in Bills emitted in *May*, 1758, Two Pounds, Two Shillings and Four Pence, Half-Penny, Principal, which, with the Interest thereon, amounts to Two Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Ten Pence, One Farthing; in Bills emitted in *December*, 1758, Two Pounds Eight Shillings and Nine Pence, Three Farthings, Principal, which, with the Interest thereon, amounts to Three Pounds, One Shilling; in Bills emitted in *March*, 1759, Nine Pounds, Eleven Shillings, Principal, which, with the Interest thereon, amounts to Eleven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Nine Pence; in Bills emitted in *April*, 1759, Two Pounds, Ten Shillings, Principal, which, with the Interest thereon, amounts to Three Pounds, Two Shillings and Six Pence; in Bills emitted in *March*, 1760, One Thousand and Fifty-three Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Nine Pence, Half-penny, Principal, which, with the Interest thereon, amounts to One Thousand, Five Hundred and Five Pounds, Ten Shillings and Nine Pence, Three Farthings; in Bills emitted in *May*, 1760, Five Hundred and Seventy Pounds, Five Shillings, Principal, which, with the Interest thereon, amounts to Eight Hundred and Fifteen Pounds, Nine Shillings and Eleven Pence, One Farthing; in Bills emitted in *March*, 1762, Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Ten Pence, Principal, which, with the Interest thereon, amounts to Four Thousand, One Hundred and Ten Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Three Pence, Half-Penny; in Bills emitted in *April*, 1762, One Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence, Principal, which, with the Interest thereon, amounts to One Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-nine Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Ten Pence, Half-Penny; in Bills emitted in
May,

October, 1769.

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May, 1762, One Thousand, Two Hundred and Seven Pounds, Eight Shillings and Nine Pence, Principal, which, with the Interest thereon, amounts to One Thousand, Five Hundred and Nine Pounds, Five Shillings and Eleven Pence, One Farthing; in Bills emitted in November, 1762, Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Two Pounds, Nine Shillings and Ten Pence, Three Farthings, Principal, which, with the Interest thereon, amounts to Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds, Ten Shillings and Four Pence, One Farthing; in Bills emitted in March, 1766, Two Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds, Seven Shillings and Six Pence, Half-Penny; in Bills emitted in February, 1767, Three Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds, Eight Shillings and Eleven Pence: And also, in Crown-Point Bills, One Hundred and Nineteen Pounds, Six Shillings: All which Sums of Money we have, in Consequence of an Act of the Assembly, given him our Receipt for and burnt.

We submit this Report to the Hon. General Assembly, and are their Most humble Servants.

Newport, October 13, 1769.

Job Bennet,
George Hazard,
Thomas Freebody,
John Jepson.

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And the foregoing Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

J. Bennet, G. Hazard, T. Freebody, & J. Jepson.
allowed £. 6

WHEREAS *Job Bennet*, Esq; *George Hazard*, Esq; *Mr. Thomas Freebody*, and *John Jepson*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Time in counting, casting Interest and burning £. 12792 17 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ lawful Money Bills, and £. 119 6 0 *Crown-Point* Bills : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Six Pounds, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Job Bennet*, *George Hazard*, *Thomas Freebody*, and *John Jepson*, out of the General Treasury.

Execution to be issued against the Lands mortgaged by O. Jenckes.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, within and for the County of *Providence*, be, and he hereby is, empowered and directed to issue Execution or Executions, in the Case or Cases prosecuted and Judgment or Judgments had, by and in behalf of this Colony, in said Court, on a Mortgage or Mortgages made by one *Obadiab Jenckes*, in the same Manner as though no Execution had been issued thereon : And that the Sheriff proceed to execute the same accordingly.

Henry Rice
allowed £. 15 2s.

WHEREAS *Thomas Aldrich* and *Stephen Arnold*, Esq's, Two of the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of *Henry Rice*, Esq; with the Colony, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

IN Obedience to the Appointment of the General Assembly, we have carefully examined the several Charges in the Account exhibited to us, by *Henry Rice*, Esq; and the Laws supporting the same, and do report, that there is due to him, upon the said Account, Fifteen Pounds, One Shilling, lawful Money, which is submitted by

Thomas Aldrich,
Stephen Arnold.

And the foregoing Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted ; and that Fifteen Pounds, One Shilling, lawful Money, being the Sum therein mentioned, be paid to the said *Henry Rice*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *John Fenner*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Support and Prison-Fees of several poor Prisoners at the King's Suit, for digging a Well for the said Gaol, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Forty-five Pounds, Twelve Shillings and One Penny Half-Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Fenner*, out of the General Treasury.

John Fenner
allowed £. 45
12s. 1d. ½.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. *Darius Sessions*, Esq; *Philip Greene*, Esq; and Mr. *William Ellery*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit the Agent's Accounts; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the present Session, if possible, if not, at the next Session.

Committee to
audit the A-
gent's Ac-
counts,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Executions issued against the Town-Treasurers, of such Towns as are delinquent in the Payment of their Taxes, be stayed until the next February Session of this Assembly: That such delinquent Towns pay Six per Cent. Interest, upon the Sums for which they are respectively delinquent, until paid: And that the Collectors of Taxes, in the several Towns, be empowered to collect the Interest as well as the Principal.

Executions a-
gainst the
Town Trea-
surers stayed.

WHEREAS *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, and Mr. *Thomas Robinson*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit*:

Report of the
Committee
who audited
the Accounts
of *Benjamin*
Wickham.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed, by the Hon. General Assembly of the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Benjamin Wickham*, Esq; late Naval-Officer of the said Colony, do report, That, agreeable to the said Appointment, we have met and adjusted the same; and that there is a Balance of Fifty-six Pounds, Eight Shillings and Seven Pence, Three Farthings, lawful Money due from the said *Benjamin Wickham*, to the Colony,

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lony, as appears by the State of his Account herewith presented : Which is submitted to the Hon. Assembly, by

Metcalf Bowler,
Pardon Tillinghast,
Thomas Robinson.

The Colony of Rhode-Island, Dr. to the Committee,

To one Day's Attendance of each of us,
 in performing the abovementioned } £. 0 18 0
 Service, at 6s. per Day,

And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted : That the Account of the Committee be allowed, and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Metcalf Bowler, Pardon Tillinghast, and Thomas Robinson*, out of the General Treasury.

Resolves asserting certain Rights of the Inhabitants of this Colony.

WHEREAS the Hon. *Peyton Randolph*, Esq; late Speaker of the Hon. House of Burgesses of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, did, by Order of that House, transmit, to the Speaker of the Lower House of this Assembly, several Resolutions entered into by the said House of Burgesses, and desired the Concurrence of the Lower House therein; which Resolutions are as follows, *to wit*.

" *Tuesday the 16th of May, 9th George 3d, 1769.*

" **M**R. *Blair* reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom it was referred to consider of the present State of the Colony, that they had come to Several Resolutions, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as follows, *viz.*

" *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the sole Right of imposing Taxes on the Inhabitants of this His Majesty's Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, is now, and ever hath been, legally and constitutionally vested in the House of Burgesses, lawfully convened, according to the ancient and established Practice, with the Consent of the Council, and of His Majesty, the King of *Great-Britain*, or his Governor for the Time being.

" *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That it is the undoubted Privilege of the Inhabitants of this Colony to petition their Sovereign for the Redress of
 " Grievances ;

“ Grievances ; and that it is lawful and expedient to procure
 “ the Concurrence of His Majesty’s other Colonies, in du-
 “ tiful Addresses, praying the Royal Interposition in Favour
 “ of the violated Rights of America.

“ *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee,
 “ That all Trials for Treason, Misprision of Treason, or
 “ for any Felony or Crime whatsoever, committed and
 “ done in this His Majesty’s said Colony and Dominion,
 “ by any Person or Persons residing therein, ought of Right
 “ to be had and conducted in and before His Majesty’s
 “ Courts held within the said Colony, according to the fixed
 “ and known Course of Proceeding ; and that the seizing
 “ any Person or Persons, residing in this Colony, suspect-
 “ ed of any Crime whatsoever, committed therein, and
 “ sending such Person or Persons to Places beyond the Sea
 “ to be tried, is highly derogatory of the Rights of British
 “ Subjects ; as thereby the inestimable Privilege of being
 “ tried by a Jury from the Vicinage, as well as the Liberty of
 “ summoning and producing Witnesses on such Trial, will
 “ be taken away from the Party accused.

“ *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee,
 “ That an humble, dutiful and loyal Address be presented
 “ to his Majesty, to assure him of our inviolable Attach-
 “ ment to His Sacred Person and Government ; and to
 “ beseech His Royal Interposition, as the Father of all
 “ His People, however remote from the Seat of his Em-
 “ pire, to quiet the Minds of His loyal Subjects of this
 “ Colony, and to avert from them those Dangers and
 “ Miseries, which will ensue from the seizing and carrying
 “ beyond Sea any Persons residing in *America*, suspected
 “ of any Crime whatsoever, to be tried in any other Man-
 “ ner, than by the ancient and long established Course of
 “ Proceeding :

“ The said Resolutions being severally read a Second
 “ Time ;

“ *Resolved*, *Nemine contradicente*,

“ That the House do agree with the Committee, in
 “ the said Resolutions :”

And this General Assembly, having duly considered, and
 maturely weighed the said Resolutions, *Do Vote and Resolve*,
 and, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Second, Third and
 Fourth, of the said Resolutions be, and they are hereby,
 approved ; and that they pass as, and become Resolutions
 of

of, this Assembly. This Assembly having already fully asserted their sole and exclusive Right of imposing Taxes upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, and transmitted Copies of the Resolves, on that Subject, to One of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State.

Committee
to prepare
an Address to
the King.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That Metcalf Bowler, Esq; Daniel Jenckes, Esq; Mr. John Wanton, Gideon Comstock, Esq; and the Secretary, be, and they or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee, to prepare an Address to His Majesty, agreeable to the foregoing Resolutions; and that they present the same to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee
to audit the
Accounts of
the Secretary
and the late
Sheriff of the
County of
Newport.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Job Bennet, Esq; George Hazard, Esq; and Mr. William Ellery, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the Secretary, and of Joseph G. Wanton, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of Newport; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Report of the
Committee
appointed to
examine into
the Northern
Boundary
Line.

WHEREAS Matthew Robinson, Esq; Mr. Moses Brown, Joseph Wanton, jun. Esq; and Oliver Arnold, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report *to wit.*

To the Hon. General Assembly, now sitting in South-Kingstown.

WHEREAS, at the last Session of Assembly at East-Greenwich, we, together with Jonathan Randall, Esq; were appointed a Committee to examine into the State of the Claim of this Colony upon the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, respecting the North Line of this Colony, bordering on said Province, and to make Report thereof to this Assembly: In Obedience thereunto, we do report, That we have examined into said Claim, and do find that there was a Committee, some Years ago, appointed to run said Line, agreeable to our Charter, and that of the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, who, in the Year 1750, run said Line accordingly, and made Report thereof to the General Assembly, at Providence, the same Year, as by the Plat and Report thereof on File, with the State of our Title or Claim, in the Secretary's Office, and divers Depositions to support the same, Reference thereunto being had, may at large appear: That thereby it is clear, there is a Tract of Land
near

near as large as One Fifth Part of the Land now possessed by this Colony, which is unjustly under the Jurisdiction and Government of the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*; and which, of Right, appertains to this Colony: That this Colony had invited the Colony of *Connecticut* into Consultation with our Committee, the true Line of that Colony beginning where ours ends: That it was through Inattention dropped; and our Line not yet being settled, theirs cannot be: Wherefore, it seems best to invite the Colony of *Connecticut*, whose Interest is connected with ours, to join a Committee of this Colony, to consult what is or shall be thought best to be done, to settle said Line truly; which seems necessary to be done, to stop the Uneasiness of the Inhabitants on those Lands, to secure them in Peace, and to finish this Dispute rightly, as soon as may be. This is submitted by

South-Kingstown,
October 27, 1769.

Mathew Robinson,
Moses Brown,
Joseph Wanton, jun.
Oliver Arnold.

And the foregoing Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Moses Brown* have Liberty to receive the Plat of the Northern Boundary Line of the Colony, and the Papers relative thereto, to take Copies thereof; he promising to return the same to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Moses Brown
allowed to
take Copies
of the Plat of
the North
Line, &c.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriah Brown, jun.* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for mending the Windows of the Court-House in the County of *King's-County*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that One Pound, Seven Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Beriah Brown, jun.* out of the General Treasury.

Beriah Brown
jun. allowed
£. 1 7s 0.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Thomas Woodward*, and *Robert Woodward*, of *Smithfield*, Yeomen, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That they became Surety for the Appearance of one *John Woodward*, who was suspected of Theft, at the Court of General Sessions of the

The Petition
of *Thomas*
and *Robert*
Woodward
granted.

E Peace,

Peace, to have been held in and for the County of *Kent*, in *January*, 1767 ; at which Court, by Reason of a great Storm, neither they nor the said *John* could appear : And, thereupon, their Recognizance was declared to be forfeited, and Judgment was entered up against them thereon, and they are now in Execution for the same : And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to vacate the said Judgment and all Proceedings thereon, &c.

And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the Petitioners paying all Costs and Charges, which have accrued, in the Prosecution against them, and delivering the said *John Woodward* to the Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, at or before the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in and for the said County of *Kent*, they be discharged from the Recognizance, and the Judgment and Execution thereon.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Sheriff, upon the said *John Woodward*'s being tendered to him by the Petitioners, at or before said Court, be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to receive and take the said *John Woodward* into his Custody, and him safely secure and keep, until he be discharged by due Course of Law.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That in Case the said *John Woodward* be surrendered and delivered up, by the Petitioners, as aforesaid, the said Court of General Sessions of the Peace be, and hereby is, fully authorized and empowered to proceed to arraign, try, pass upon and give Judgment and Sentence against, or for, the said *John Woodward*, on the Indictment already found against him, in the same Manner as in other Causes, of the like Nature, coming before them, in the ordinary Course of Law.

Ebenezer Telft
allowed £. 1
of 8d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Telft*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, cleaning the Court-House in *King's-County*, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound and Eight Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ebenezer Telft*, out of the General Treasury.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this ^{Adjournment} *Assembly, unfinished, be and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of Newport, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be transmitted to the respective Town-Clerks in the County ; and that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the last Monday in February next, to meet at South-Kingstown.*

G O D Save the K I N G.

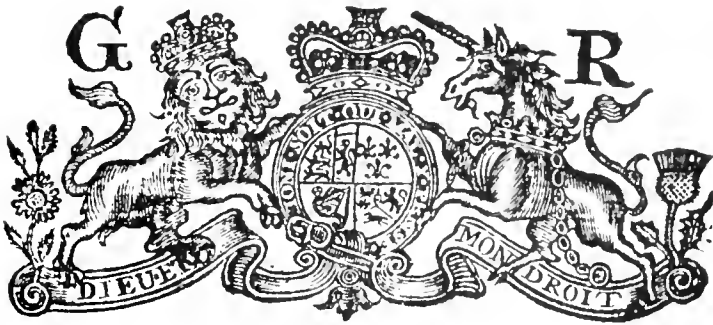
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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in America* ; begun and holden by Adjournment, at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the said Colony, on the last Monday in *February*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy, and Tenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T.

The Hon. *Joseph Wanton*, Esq;

G O V E R N O R.

The Hon. *Darius Sessions*, Esq;

D E P U T Y - G O V E R N O R.

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| JOB BENNET, Esq; SOLOMON DROWN, Esq; DAVID HARRIS, Esq; WESTON HICKES, Esq; THOMAS WICKES, Esq; JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq; JOHN CONGDON, Esq; JOSEPH HAZARD, Esq; | } | Assistants, |
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The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

Mr. John Wanton, (Son of *Gideon*)*Capt.* Samuel Carr,*Capt.* William Read,*Mr.* Thomas Freebody.

PROVIDENCE :

Daniel Jenckes, *Esq.*;*Mr.* Moses Brown,*Mr.* Benjamin Man,*Mr.* Job Smith.

PORTSMOUTH :

The Speaker.

John Aliny, *Esq.*

WARWICK :

Mr. Benjamin Greene,*Mr.* Paul Greene,*Mr.* Thomas Rice.

WESTERLY :

Capt. Edward Saunders,*Joseph* Clarke, *jun.* *Esq.*

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. Paul Niles.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Mr. Ezekiel Gardner,*Mr.* John Northup.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

William Potter, *Esq.*;*Mr.* Samuel Rodman.

EAST-GREENWICH :

Maj. Preserved Pearce, *jun.**William* Peirce, *Esq.*

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. Oliver Hafzard,*Mr.* William Hafzard.

SMITHFIELD :

Caleb Aldrich, *Esq.*;*Stephen* Whipple, *Esq.*

SCITUATE :

Charles Harris, *Esq.*;*Oliver* Westcott, *Esq.*

GLOUCESTER :

Mr. Moses Cooper.

CHARLESTOWN :

Gideon Hoxsie, *Esq.*;*Job* Taylor, *Esq.*

WEST-GREENWICH :

Mr. Joseph Cafe,*Thomas* Tillinghast, *Esq.*

COVENTRY :

Stephen Potter, *Esq.**John* Rice, *Esq.*

EXETER :

George Peirce, *Esq.*

MIDDLETOWN :

None.

BRISTOL :

None.

TIVERTON :

None.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Thomas Church, *Esq.*;*Nathaniel* Searle, *jun.* *Esq.*

WARREN :

Samuel Allen, *Esq.*

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. Benjamin Tower.

RICHMOND :

Major Richard Bayley,*Capt.* Caleb Barber.

CRANSTON :

Gideon Comstock, *Esq.*

HOPKINTON :

Thomas Wells, *jun.* *Esq.*;*Capt.* Abel Tanner.

JOHNSTON :

Col. John Waterman,*Mr.* John Beverly.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Elisha Brown, *Esq.**Mr.* WILLIAM ELLERY Clerk of the Lower House.

HEREAS *Job Bennet*, Esq; *George Hazard*, Esq; and Mr. *William Ellery*, who were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Joseph G. Wanton*. Esq; presented unto this Assembly a State of his Account, together with the following Report and Account, by them charged against the Colony, *to wit* :

Report upon
J. G. Wanton's
Account and
he allowed
£. 11 13 7 ½

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly at *October* Session, 1769, a Committee to audit the Account of *Joseph G. Wanton*, Esq; with the Colony, have accordingly audited the within Account, and do report, that there is due to him, the within Balance of £. 12 4 1 ½, lawful Money.

Job Bennet,
George Hazard,
William Ellery.

Colony of *Rhode-Island*, &c. Dr.
To *Job Bennet*, *George Hazard*, & *William Ellery*, for their Time and Trouble in auditing the within Account 3s. lawful Money each. £. 0 9 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report of the Committee be accepted: That the said Account of the said *Joseph G. Wanton*, be allowed, a Deduction being first made of the Charges for attending the Trials of *Deborah* an *Indian*, and *Charles Fish*, at a Court of Justices, amounting to £. 0 10 6: That the Sum of Eleven Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Seven Pence, Halfpenny, lawful Money, being the Balance then due to the said *Joseph G. Wanton*, be paid him out of the General Treasury: That the Account of the Committee be allowed, and that Nine Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Job Bennet*, *George Hazard*, and *William Ellery*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Bennet, G. Hazard, W. Ellery allowed 3s. each.

WHEREAS Messrs. *John Fenckes*, *Moses Brown*, *John Brown*, *David Harris*, *William Smith*, *John Updike*, *Knight Dexter*, *Ebenezer Thompson*, *Joseph Lawrence*, *Zephaniah Andrews*, *Elijah Bacon*, *Noah Mason*, *John Smith*, *Jonathan Ellis*, *Jonathan Hamman*, *Thomas Greene*, and *James Lovett*, in Behalf of themselves and their Associates,

Proprietors of
the Town
School-House
in *Providence*
incorporated.

ciates, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That from a Regard to the Instruction of Youth in the most necessary Parts of Learning, they, with the Town of *Providence*, have caused to be built, within the said Town, a commodious Brick School-House, Two Stories high, the upper Part of which, containing Two Rooms, belongs to them and their Associates : That for the better carrying their Design in building the said Rooms into Execution, they have formed themselves into a Society, known by the Name of *The Proprietors in the Town School-House* : And thereupon, for the well ordering and governing the said Schools in the upper Part of said House, and for the better establishing the Rules and Orders already made, and also all future Regulations respecting the same, they prayed this Assembly to grant and extend to the said Society, their Heirs and Assigns, a full and ample Power at all Times hereafter, to Order, Ordain, and Enact, all such Rules and Regulations, as may, from Time to Time, appear to them necessary for the well ordering all prudential Affairs of the said Society ; and that all Rules, Acts, Orders and Regulations, so made, (not repugnant or disagreeable to the Laws of this Colony, or to the Acts and Orders of the said Town of *Providence*) be, to all Intents and Purposes, valid, and binding upon the said Society, and each Individual thereof.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners, in the foregoing Petition contained, be, and the same is hereby, granted.

Inhabitants of
Providence al-
lowed to sell
any Quantity
of spirituous
Liquors, not
less than a
Quart.

AT the special Request of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Providence*, made by their Representatives, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Inhabitants of the said Town of *Providence* be, and they are hereby, permitted and authorized to sell all Kinds of spirituous Liquors, in any Quantities not less than One Quart : Provided that the same be not drank in the House of the Retailer. Any Law of this Colony to the contrary, in any wise, notwithstanding.

Petition for
dividing the
Town of
Providence
referred,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition preferred to this Assembly, praying that all that Part of the Town of *Providence*, lying Westward of *Weybosset* Bridge, and the Harbour

Harbour or Bay, may be set off, and incorporated into a new Township, be referred to the next Session ; and that, in the mean Time, the Town of *Providence* be cited to appear and shew Cause (if any they have) why the same should not be granted.

WHEREAS One of the Assessors of Taxes for the Town of *Jamestown* was out of the Government when the last Colony Tax should have been assessed, by Reason whereof the same was not done in such Season that the General Treasurer could issue his Warrant, according to Law, for collecting thereof, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to issue forth his Warrant to the Collector of Rates, for the said Town, to collect said Town's Proportion of said Tax.

Treasurer to
issue his
Warrant to
the Rate-
Gatherer of
Jamestown.

AND It is further Voted and Resolved, That the Fine of the said Town of *Jamestown*, for not having assessed the same, be remitted ; they paying Interest thereon until the said Tax be paid.

IT Is Voted and Resolved, That the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office be, and he is hereby, ordered to put in Suit, immediately after the Rising of this Assembly, all such Mortgages, and Bonds, where there are no Mortgages, in Favour of the Colony, which shall then be in his Office undischarged ; and to see that the several Judgments already obtained be fully executed, without Delay : And that he make Report of the Situation of these Affairs to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Keeper of the
Grand Com-
mittee's Office
to put in Suit
all Bonds and
Mortgages ;
and to lay be-
fore the As-
sembly a State
of the Loan
Money.

AND It is further Voted and Resolved, That the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office also lay before this Assembly, at the next Session, the best and most exact Account he can obtain of the true State of the Money emitted by this Government, upon Loan, of what hath been sunk or re-issued, and of the Sums yet remaining unpaid, that the General Assembly may form a Judgment, whether there is, or likely to be, any Deficiency ; and, in such Case, may make the best Provision for the Interest of the Colony.

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WHEREAS

Committee to
audit the Ac-
counts of the
Directors of
the Market
and Granary-
House Lot-
tery, &c.

WHEREAS *George Hazard*, Esq; *Mr. William Richardson*, and *Mr. William Ellery*, were at *June* Session, 1768, appointed a Committee, to settle the Accounts of the present and former Directors of the Market and Granary-House Lottery in *Newport*, &c, which hath not been done, and the said *William Richardson* hath since deceased; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Nathaniel Mumford* be appointed a Committee-Man, in the Room of the said *William Richardson*: And that the said *George Hazard*, *William Ellery* and *Nathaniel Mumford*, or any two of them be and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to settle said Accounts; and also the Accounts of the Committee appointed to erect said Building: And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

AND *It is further Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to erect said Building be, and they are hereby, empowered to call upon the Directors of said Lottery, for, and receive all such Sums of Money as are due from them to the said Lottery.

The Dams on
the South
Branch of
Pawtuxet ex-
empted from
providing
Fish-Ways.

WHEREAS *Mr. John Greene* and others preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That *Nathaniel Greene* and Company, *John Greene* and Company, *Griffin Greene* and *Christopher Greene*, have been at a very great Expence in erecting and building Dams, Forges, Anchor-Works, and Saw-Mills, upon the South Branch of *Pawtuxet* River, in providing a very considerable Stock and employing a great Number of Hands, to prosecute the Business; the Emolument arising from which is the principal Support of themselves and their Dependents amounting to upwards of One Hundred in Number: That there is a Law of this Colony directing that suitable Fish-Ways be made and kept open on the said South Branch of said River from the Twenty-first of *April* till the First of *June*, annually: That if the said Law be carried into Execution, it will render it almost impossible for them to pursue their Business: That the Number of Fish coming up to those Dams is so small and contemptible, that the Benefit arising from them is by no Means to be compared with the great Advantages derived to the Public from their Works: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly, That the Dams above enumerated, standing on the

the said South Branch of *Pawtuxet* River, may be established by Act of Government, and totally exempted from preparing and providing Fish-Ways, in the same Manner as the Dams on the North Branch of the same River are now established, and exempted from preparing and providing Fish-Ways.

On Consideration whereof.

BE It Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners, in the foregoing Petition contained, be, and the same is hereby, granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Hamman* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for building a Pillory for the County of *Providence*, and providing Materials for the same : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds, lawful Money thereof be allowed, and paid the said Jonathan Hamman, out of the General Treasury.*

J. Hamman
allowed £. 3.



AN ACT for the breaking up disorderly Houses kept by free Negroes and Mulattoes, and for putting out such Negroes and Mulattoes to Service.

Act for breaking up disorderly Negro and Mulatto Houses.

WHEREAS it often happens, that free Negroes and Mulattoes keep very disorderly Houses, and intice the Slaves in this Colony to spend much Time and Money in gaming, drinking, &c. which they cannot possibly do without robbing their Masters or others ; whereby the Masters are not only greatly injured, but the Slaves also are totally ruined :

BE It therefore Enacted, by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That, upon Complaint being made to any Town-Council in this Colony, of any free Negro, or Mulatto, who shall keep a disorderly House, or entertain any Slave or Slaves, at unreasonable Hours, or in an extravagant Manner, such Town-Council, be, and hereby is, empowered to examine into the Matter, and if they shall find such free Negro or Mulatto guilty of the same, they may, if they think proper, break

break up from House-Keeping such free Negro or Mulatto : And if such free Negroes or Mulattoes, have been Slaves, and manumitted by their Masters, the respective Town-Councils are hereby empowered (if they shall think proper) to put out, and bind them as Servants for a Term of Time, not exceeding Four Years, upon such Conditions as they shall think most for the Interest of the Town : And to commit them to the Work-House until suitable Places can be had for them.

AND Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Wages of every free Negro or Mulatto, to bound out, which shall remain after the Expiration of his Servitude, and which hath not been expended in maintaining him and his Family, be paid to such Servant, unless the Town-Council shall think it most for the Interest of the Town, and of such Servant, to reserve the same for the Maintenance of himself and his Family.



WHEREAS Mr. *George Lawton*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance and Prison Fees of divers poor Prisoners committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Three Pounds and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Lawton*, out of the General Treasury.

George Lawton
allowed
£. 3 0 6

WHEREAS Mr. *John Dockray* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Three Blankets delivered the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, for the Use of the poor Prisoners in Gaol at the King's Suit: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Eleven Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Dockray*, out of the General Treasury.

John Dockray
allowed
£. 1 11 6

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AN ACT to prevent the Introduction of the Murrain or other contagious Distemper, among the horned Cattle, into this Colony.

Act to prevent the Introduction of the Murrain.

WHEREAS a contagious and mortal Distemper was lately brought into this Colony, with which several horned Cattle were infected, and there was great Danger of the same spreading throughout the Colony, which would have been attended with fatal Consequences: For the preventing the bringing such Distemper into this Colony for the future,

BE It Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That whoever shall bring into this Colony any horned Cattle, or raw, untanned Hides, from North-Carolina, or from any other Place whatever, where the horned Cattle are infected, or for the Space of One Year preceding have been infected with the Murrain, or other contagious Distemper, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine, to and for the Use of the Colony, the Sum of Forty Pounds, Lawful Money, to be recovered by the General Treasurer, by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record in this Colony: And that this Act shall take Place, and be in Force, immediately after the Rising of this Assembly.



WHEREAS a Committee, who were appointed by the General Assembly at their Session in September last, to examine and discover what Monies are due to the Colony from particular Persons, did report and present to this Assembly, at their Session in October last, sundry Certificates and Papers of Fines due, &c. It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That Mr. William Redwood, Mr. Nathaniel Greene, jun. Stephen Potter, Esq; Matthew Robinson, Esq; and Mr. Thomas Robinson, be, and they, or the Major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive said Certificates and Papers, and to examine and enquire fully into them, and see what Fines are due to the Colony: And that, if any Doubt shall arise in their Minds whether any of the Fines mentioned in said Certificates and Papers are legally due, they consult the Law and take Advice of Council learned in the Law thereon; and make Report to this Assembly at the next Session of their Opinion, with Respect to the same, and the most probable Measures by which such Monies as they think due to the Colony may be recovered.

Committee to enquire after Fines, &c. due to the Colony.

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WHEREAS

O. Whipple
allowed
11. 10s.

WHEREAS *Oliver Whipple*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time and Expences, as One of a Committee, to examine what Monies are due to the Colony from particular Persons, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that One Pound, Ten Shillings, lawful Money being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Oliver Whipple* out of the General Treasury.

Moses Brown
allowed 12s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Moses Brown* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance as One of the Committee in the next preceding Vote mentioned: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Moses Brown*, out of the General Treasury.*

T. Vernon allowed 6 Dollars.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Vernon* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for examining the Papers and Proceedings in the Vice-Admiralty Office in this Colony, taking an Abstract of, and copying the same, at the Request of the Committee appointed to enquire after Monies due to the Colony: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Six Dollars, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Vernon* out of the General Treasury.



AN ACT for the more equal Distribution of Intestate Estates.

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Estates.

WHEREAS Reason and Equity plainly point out, that the Estate of a Parent, who dies Intestate, should be divided among all his Children, in an equitable Proportion, unless where some political Considerations may make a contrary Method more suitable to the Circumstances and Constitution of a Country; none of which Reasons do at present, nor can, for a long Time, exist in this Colony: And whereas many and great Inconveniences and Disadvantages are, by long Experience,

* Afterwards, in the Lower House, Mr. *Brown* generously gave up his Charge to the Colony.

Experience, found to arise from the present Mode in which Intestate Estates descend, in this Colony :

BE It therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That where any Person shall die Intestate, leaving Lands in this Colony, in which such an Intestate had an Estate in Fee Simple, the Fee and Estate in such Lands shall separate and descend to and be divided amongst, and vest in, all the Children of such Intestate, in Fee Simple, in the following Manner, that is to say, The whole of such Lands shall be divided into a Number of Shares or Portions, exceeding, by One, the Number of such Intestate's Children ; Two of which Shares or Portions shall descend to, and vest in, and belong to the eldest Son of such Intestate, and One Share or Portion shall descend to, and vest in, and belong to each of the other Children of such Intestate.

AND Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where any Person seized and possessed of any Real Estate in Fee Simple, shall die Intestate as aforesaid, leaving no Sons, but several Daughters, in that Case, such Real Estate shall descend to all the Daughters in equal Proportions.

AND Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person seized and possessed of any Real Estate, in Fee Simple, shall die Intestate, as aforesaid, and leave no Children, in that Case such Real Estate shall descend to, vest in, and be divided amongst the next of Kin, in equal Shares and Proportions, and in Fee Simple : And that where any Person who by this Act would have been intitled to a Share or Portion in any such Intestate's Real Estate, if he or she had survived the Intestate, shall die before the Intestate, and leave legal Representatives, in every such Case, such Representatives shall receive and hold the same Share or Portion of such Real Estate, in Fee Simple, as the Person would have done, whom they shall represent, in Case he or she had survived the Intestate : And that such Representatives shall take in the same Manner and Proportion as directed in the First Paragraph of this Act.----- Provided, nevertheless, and the true Intent and Meaning hereof is, that no Person shall be intitled to, and receive a double

double Portion of the Real Estate of any Person who shall die Intestate, as aforesaid, excepting only the eldest Son of such Intestate, or the Representative of such eldest Son. Provided also, That no Distribution of any Real Estate, in Consequence of this Act, shall extend to, or be made in the Collateral Line, beyond the Brothers and Sisters of such Intestate, and their Children, and to those only of the whole Blood.

AND Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where the Children of any Person, who shall die Intestate, shall receive from their Parents Deed of Gift of Lands or other Real Estate, for their Advancement in the World, or for Marriage Portions, that in the Settlement of such Parents Estate, dying Intestate, the same shall be considered as Part of their Dividend of such Real Estate; and if it shall not amount to a full Proportion thereof, that they shall be entitled to, and receive so much more, as will make them equal to the other Persons intitled to a Part of such Real Estate, agreeable to this Act: Unless where the Parent who makes the Gift, shall, in doing the same, expressly declare that the same is not given as Part of their Portion.

AND Be it further Enacted, That, in Case of any Posthumous Child or Children, the same be intitled to and shall inherit, in the same Manner as though born before the Death of their Intestate.

Provided Nevertheless, *And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to deprive the Widow of any Person dying Intestate of her Right of Dower, as she now by Law is intitled to.

AND Be it further Enacted, That for the equal Division of such Intestate Estate, it shall and may be lawful for any, or either of the Heirs of such Estate to apply, by himself or Guardian, if a Minor, by Petition or Writ of Partition, to the Inferior or Superior Court, for the County where such Estate lies, for a Division of such Estate: And that such Court shall thereupon issue Citation, if by Petition, to each and every of such Heirs or their Guardians.

to appear before said Court, at a certain Day, to join in such Division, when and where it shall be lawful for such Heirs, by themselves or Guardians, to enter into a Rule of Court, thereby submitting such Division to Three Men or more, to be chosen by them, and allowed by said Court for that Purpose, who shall make Report to the same Court how they have divided the same; and which Report, when accepted and Judgment entered thereon, shall be binding upon all Parties, and the Cost and Charge thereupon be paid equally by all such Heirs: That when Division shall be so made, the Share of each Person shall be determined by Lot in the following Manner, to wit: A Number of Lots, exceeding, by One, the Number of Shares, shall be made, of which the Person intitled to a double Portion shall draw One, and before they proceed to draw the other Lots, such Person may choose One of the next contiguous Shares, which he shall think the most convenient; the Lot expressive of which shall be taken out, and then the other Person or Persons shall draw the remaining Lot or Lots, for his or their Share or Shares. But in Case such Rule cannot be agreed upon, that then it shall and may be lawful for such Court to order a special Jury to be impaneled, for dividing such Estate, who shall make Division thereof, and make Return of the same to such Court, and Judgment being entered thereon, the same to be final: And the Cost and Charge thereof shall be paid equally by such Heirs. And in Case any Dispute shall arise between Persons, claiming a Division of such Estate, that then a Trial shall be had between such Persons, according to the usual and common Course of Law, before such Division be made.

AND Be it further Enacted. That, in Case any Action or Suit shall be brought for any Debt or Demand, due from such Intestate, the same shall be brought against all those who take and inherit the Real Estates of such Intestates, if to be found, and Executions shall be served upon, and the Debts or Damages and Costs recovered, levied and collected from or out of the Estates of the several Heirs of such Intestates, in the same Proportion as they inherit, if such Real Estates remain unaliened and can conveniently be so done: And in Case the same be levied in any other Proportion, that then the Parties aggrieved thereby shall be intitled to an Action, and recover against any Person or Persons in Arrears, all such Arrearages with Costs.

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AND Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be in Force in Thirty Days after the Rising of this Assembly.



General
Treasurer to
hire Money
and renew
Notes.

IT Is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, empowered to hire a sufficient Sum of Money to discharge the Judgment obtained against him by the Assignees of Joseph Whipple, Esq; deceased, for Money hired of them by the Colony, and also all final Judgments obtained against him, by any other Persons, and give his Notes therefor.

AND It is further Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, empowered to renew the Notes he may have issued as they shall become payable and be demanded : And that the said new Notes be issued for a Term of Time not exceeding One Year, to commence and be payable at annual Dates with them which shall be taken up and renewed.

Committee to
examine into
the Demands
made upon
the Colony,
by B. Wick-
ham and G.
Scott.

IT Is Voted and Resolved, That Job Bennet, George Hazard, Joseph Clarke, and Oliver Arnold, Esquires, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine into the Remonstrance made to this Assembly by Benjamin Wickham, Esq; and Mr. George Scott ; and into all the Circumstances attending the original Petition of Joseph Scott, Esq; deceased : And that they report to this Assembly, at the next Session, their Opinion of the respective Demands of the said Benjamin Wickham and George Scott, and whether the Colony is liable thereto or ought to pay the same.

P. Cross al-
lowed £. 8.

WHEREAS Peleg Cross, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an account, by him charged against the Colony, for Three Dozen of Chairs for the Court House in King's-County, and transporting them : And the said Account being duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That Eight Pounds, lawful Money thereof, be allowed and paid the said Peleg Cross out of the General Treasury.

B. Brown al-
lowed £. 11
2s. 3d.

WHEREAS Mr. Beriah Brown, jun. Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of King's-County, exhibited un-

to this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Eleven Pounds, Two Shillings and Three Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Beriah Brown*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

IT Is Voted and Resolved, That *Arthur Fenner*, jun. Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*, in the Room of *Jonathan Arnold*, Esq; who hath resigned : And that he procure a suitable Book of Record for said Office, at the Charge of the Colony, and lay the Cost thereof before this Assembly.

A. Fenner appointed Clerk of the Superior Court, &c. in Providence.

AND It is further Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *Moses Brown*, and *John Brown*, (Son of *Elisba*) be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to receive the Records and Papers of the said Court, of the late, and deliver them to the present, Clerk, giving and taking Receipts for the same.

IT Is Voted and Resolved, That *Job Bennet*, Esq; *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; *George Hazard*, Esq; *Mr. Thomas Freebody*, *John Jepson*, Esq; and *Mr. Edward Thurston*, jun. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive of the General Treasurer, all the lawful Money and Old Tenor Bills of Credit in the General Treasury, and burn the same : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to burn the Bills of Credit in the General Treasury.

IT Is Voted and Resolved, That *Job Bennet*, Esq; *George Hazard*, Esq; and *Mr. William Ellery*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Secretary with the Colony : And that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

Committee to audit the Secretary's Accounts.

IT Is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to take out Executions on all final Judgments obtained against the Town Treasurers of such

Gen. Treasurer to take out Executions against the Town Treasurers.

such Towns as are delinquent in the Tax ordered to be assessed in the Year 1766, and see that the same be immediately executed : And that the Clerks of those Courts, where such final Judgments have been obtained, be, and they are hereby, ordered to issue such Executions, returnable into their Offices by the First Day of May next.

Collectors of Rates empowered to collect Interest.

AND It is further Voted and Resolved, That the Collectors of Rates in the several Towns in this Colony, be, and they are hereby, empowered to collect the Interest as well as Principal, on delinquent Individuals in all Taxes.

R. Bailey, jun. appointed Capt. of the Company in Richmond.

IT Is Voted and Resolved, That Richard Bailey, jun. be, and he is hereby, appointed Captain of the Company of Militia in the Town of Richmond, in the Room of Joseph Hoxsie, jun. who resigned.

Moses Brown appointed to make Enquiry respecting the North Line of the Colony.

WHEREAS Mr. Moses Brown presented the following Memorial unto this Assembly, to wit :

To the Honorable the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN,

AGREEABLE to the Vote of this Assembly at their last Session, I received and have taken Copies of the Plats and Papers respecting the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony: By which Papers it appears that the Colony had made Application in Conjunction with the Colony of *Connecticut*, to Mr. *Partridge*, then Agent for both Colonies, to pursue the Settlement of the said Line. And it appears that this Colony in the Month of *April*, 1753, formed a Petition to His Majesty upon this Subject. Whether it was forwarded or not, or what further was done, does not appear by the Papers I have yet been able to collect; but am informed by One of the Commissioners who conferred with the Commissioners of the Colony of *Connecticut*, upon this Matter in *April*, 1752, that the Two Colonies agreed to prosecute the Case jointly; and, as this Government had expended a considerable Sum in running the Line, procuring Evidences, and sitting the Case to go Home, *Connecticut* was to pursue it at Home, until they had laid out the same Sum that we had; after which the Expence, if any more should be necessary, was to be paid by both Governments equally.

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THIS being the Case, and it appearing clear to me, that the Colony hath a just Right to a Strip of Four Miles, and Fifty-six Rods, the Width of the Colony being about Twenty-two Miles ; I propose and desire this Assembly to appoint some proper Person or Persons to make Application to the Governor or the Secretary of the Colony of *Connecticut*, and procure Information how the Case was left, and, if they are unable to inform us, to write to the Agent of this Colony, who, about the Time this Matter was in Agitation in *England*, lived with Mr. *Partridge*, and without Doubt hath the Papers respecting this Matter that belong to the Colony, and request him to examine the Papers, and inform us of the Circumstances this Affair was under at the Commencement of the late War ; which I suppose was the Occasion of it's not being determined.

As *Joseph Harrison*, Esq; One of this Colony's Committee to run the Line, and Col. *Lyman*, who was One of the *Connecticut* Committee, are both in *London*, and are acquainted with all the Circumstances of this Case, I apprehend a more favourable Opportunity for the Colony to get Information in this Matter, could not happen.

I AM obliged to the General Assembly for their Confidence in depositing the Papers in my Hands, and herewith return them.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most humble Servant,
Moses Brown.

On Consideration whereof,

IT Is Voted and Resolved, That the said Memorial be accepted : That Mr. *Moses Brown* be, and he is hereby, appointed to make the Inquiry therein mentioned : And, when he shall have obtained the best Information he can procure, that he make Report thereon to the General Assembly.

WHEREAS *Esther Sachem*, (calling herself Queen of the Tribe of *Indians* in this Colony) *Thomas Sachem*, her Husband, and *Henry Harry*, with others as her Council, who preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, praying that she with her Husband and Council, and *James Helme*, *Joseph Hazard* and *Sylvester Robinson*, Esq's. (who were a Committee, appointed by this General Assembly, to dis-

Committee to settle the Disputes among the *Indians*.

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pose of the Estate of *Thomas Ninigret*, deceased, late Sachem of said Tribe, for the Payment of his Debts) may make a Deed or Deeds of the Estate of the said *Thomas Ninigret*, for the Payment of his just Debts, in the same Manner as the said *Thomas Ninigret*, in his Life Time, with his Council, and the said Committee, by Act of Assembly might have done : And whereas *Samuel Niles*, and others (calling themselves a Council, appointed by said Tribe, for transacting their public Affairs) did appear before this Assembly, and for the Settlement of the Disputes and Differences subsisting in said Tribe did mutually agree, That the Hon. *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and *Joseph Hazard*, Esq; or any Two of them, (by their Consents and by Order of this Assembly) should be empowered to inquire into the Subject Matter of their Disputes, and in particular to ascertain, and set off, all the Lands which shall, upon Inquiry and Examination, appear to them to have been the Lands or Estates of the said *Thomas Ninigret*, deceased, for the Payment and Satisfaction of the Debts due to his Creditors, and to his Heirs, after such Debts are paid and satisfied : That the Expence of such Inquiry and Examination be equally paid by the said Two Parties : And that Report be made to this Assembly, at the next Session.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the above recited Agreement be, and hereby is, approved : And that the said *Joseph Wanton*, *Stephen Hopkins*, and *Joseph Hazard*, or any Two of them, be empowered to do, and transact, every Thing submitted to them by said Agreement.

AND *Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the above named *James Helme*, *Joseph Hazard*, and *Sylvester Robinson*, or any Two of them, be empowered to take into their Care & Possession all such Lands as shall be set off as the Estate of the said *Thomas Ninigret*, deceased, and the same to improve in such Manner as they shall think most for the Interest of his Heirs and Creditors, until so much of them shall be disposed of, as will be sufficient to Satisfy and pay his just Debts.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS the Town of *South-Kingstown* represented unto this Assembly, That, in the late general Estimate of the Colony, divers Errors and Mistakes have arisen in the Estimation of said Town : And this Assembly being desirous to satisfy and quiet the Minds of the Inhabitants of said Town, by shewing them every Mark of Respect due to so considerable a Part of the Government : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *William Redwood, Nicholas Tillinghast, John Rice, William Bradford, and Simeon Perry*, Esquires, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to inquire fully into the Errors which may be pointed out to them by a Committee of said Town, and hear and consider every Objection which may be offered by them, and re-examine the said Estimate, and report their Opinion thereon to this Assembly, at the next Session : And that their Determination be final and conclusive upon the said Town.

Committee
to examine
the Estimate
of *South-
Kingstown*

AND It is further Voted and Resolved, That in Case any Alteration be made in the Estimate of said Town, the same shall govern their Tax in future : And if by the Determination of said Committee, the said Town's Proportion of the last Colony Tax shall be lessened, the Difference between said Determination and the present Apportionment shall be deducted from the present Proportion of the Tax of said Town, and shall be repaid to them out of the General Treasury ; and the Expence arising on the Inquiry, shall also be paid out of the General Treasury : But in Case it shall appear that their Proportion, ordered by Law, is less than it ought to be, that the Surplusage and the Expence of said Inquiry, shall be paid by the said Town of *South-Kingstown*.

AND It is further Voted and Resolved, That the Committee meet at *South-Kingstown* ; giving the Inhabitants Notice thereof Ten Days before their Meeting : That the said Committee have the same Power as the Committee for taking the general Estimate had, of calling before them and examining upon Oath, or otherwise, any Persons they shall think may give them Information respecting the said Estimate, and of sending for Papers, &c. particularly for the original Lists given in by the Inhabitants, and for the original Rolls of any or all the Towns ; which the Town-Clerks

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are hereby directed to deliver to the said Committee ; who, when they have completed the Business, shall immediately return them to the respective Offices from whence they received them.

AND It is further Voted and Resolved, That if any Alteration shall be made by the said Committee, in the Proportion of the said Town's Tax, it shall be annexed to, and become Part of, the general Estimate of the Colony. And all future Taxes shall be proportioned to each Town, in the same Manner as they would have been, if this Re-examination and Amendment had been made before the said general Estimate had been passed into a Law.

Executions
against *John*
Reis stayed.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Reis* represented unto this Assembly, that there are several Executions in Behalf of the Colony, against him, for Mortgage Money, the greatest Part of which hath been paid, but by some Mistake the same hath not been deducted, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Executions be returned unsatisfied, for alias Executions, and that *Joseph Clarke*, *Edward Thurston*, and *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esq's. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to examine into the Matter, and make Report, what of Right ought to be done therein, unto this Assembly at the next Session.

Abraham
Wilcox dismissed from
Gaol.

IT Is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of King's-County be, and he is hereby, directed to dismiss *Abraham Wilcox*, a poor Prisoner at the King's Suit ; the said *Abraham Wilcox* first giving his promissory Note, payable on Demand, to the General Treasurer, for the Sum of Nine Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Four Pence, lawful Money, for the Costs of said Suit ; and also for the Sum already paid by the Colony for his Maintenance in Gaol, and for his Prison Fees.

R. Chappel allowed £. 1 1/2

WHEREAS Mr. *Richard Chappel* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that One Pound, One Shilling, lawful Money, being the Am unt thereof, be paid to the said *Richard Chappel*, out of the General Treasury.

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WHEREAS *Samuel Tefft*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Load of Wood for the Court House in *King's-County*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Six Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel Tefft*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Tefft allowed os.

WHEREAS *Mr. Ebenezer Tefft* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, &c. and the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that One Pound, Seven Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ebenezer Tefft*, out of the General Treasury.

E. Tefft allowed 11. 7s. 6d.

IT Is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and, within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be transmitted to the Town-Clerk of each Town belonging to the County: And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the First Tuesday in *May* next, if then called; but if not called before, nor at that Time, then this Assembly be, and hereby is, dissolved.

Adjournment

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America* ; begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the said Colony, on the First Wednesday in *May*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy, and Tenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. Joseph Wanton, Esq;
GOVERNOR.

The Hon. Darius Sessions, Esq;
DEPUTY-GOVERNOR.

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| George Hazard, <i>Esq</i> ; | Gideon Hoxley, <i>Esq</i> ; |
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| Capt. William Read, | WEST-GREENWICH : |
| Mr. Thomas Freebody. | William Nichols, <i>Esq</i> ; |
| PROVIDENCE : | Mr. Thomas Rogers. |
| Daniel Jenckes, <i>Esq</i> ; | COVENTRY : |
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| Mr. Benjamin Man, | Mr. Nathaniel Greene. |
| Stephen Hopkins, <i>Esq</i> . | EXETER : |
| PORTSMOUTH : | Daniel Barber, <i>Esq</i> ; |
| Metcalf Bowler, <i>Esq</i> ; | George Pearce, <i>Esq</i> . |
| Mr. Thomas Brownell, | MIDDLETOWN : |
| Jonathan Freeborn, <i>Esq</i> ; | Mr. Thomas Coggeshall, |
| John Almy, <i>Esq</i> . | Mr. Thomas Peckham. |
| WARWICK : | BRISTOL : |
| Philip Greene, <i>Esq</i> ; | Mr. Christopher Ellery, |
| Benjamin Greene, <i>Esq</i> ; | Mr. William Pearce. |
| Stephen Arnold, <i>Esq</i> ; | TIVERTON : |
| Mr. Paul Greene. | Samuel Durfee, <i>Esq</i> ; |
| WESTERLY : | William Cook, <i>Esq</i> . |
| Mr. James Rhodes, | LITTLE-COMPTON : |
| Mr. Oliver Babcock. | Thomas Church, <i>Esq</i> ; |
| NEW-SHOREHAM : | Nathaniel Searle, jun. <i>Esq</i> . |
| Mr. Paul Niles. | WARREN : |
| NORTH-KINGSTOWN : | Ebenezer Cole, <i>Esq</i> ; |
| Mr. Ezekiel Gardner, | Samuel Allen, <i>Esq</i> . |
| Mr. John Northup. | CUMBERLAND : |
| SOUTH-KINGSTOWN : | Jeremiah Whipple, <i>Esq</i> ; |
| Rowland Robinson, <i>Esq</i> ; | John Dexter, <i>Esq</i> . |
| Mr. Samuel Rodman. | RICHMOND : |
| EAST-GREENWICH : | Robert Stanton, <i>Esq</i> . |
| Major Preserved Pearce, | CRANSTON : |
| Mr. William Pearce. | Caleb Potter, <i>Esq</i> ; |
| JAMESTOWN : | Capt. Matthew Manchester. |
| John Eldred, <i>Esq</i> ; | HOPKINTON : |
| Mr. William Hazard. | Thomas Wells, jun. <i>Esq</i> ; |
| SMITHFIELD : | Capt. Abel Tanner. |
| Caleb Aldrich, <i>Esq</i> ; | JOHNSTON : |
| Daniel Mowrey, jun. <i>Esq</i> . | Col. John Waterman, |
| SCITUATE : | Mr. John Beverly. |
| Mr. William West, | NORTH-PROVIDENCE : |
| Job Randall, <i>Esq</i> . | Elisha Brown, <i>Esq</i> ; |
| GLOUCESTER : | Capt. Joseph Olney. |
| The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, <i>Esq</i> ; was chosen Speaker, and JOSIAS | |
| LYNDON, <i>Esq</i> ; was chosen Clerk of the Lower House. | |

THIS being the Anniversary Election of Officers, both ^{Officers elect-}
Civil and Military, the Gentlemen whose Names
are set down in the subsequent List, were chosen to serve
the Colony, in the Offices ascribed to their respective Names,
to wit :

The Hon. JOSEPH WANTON, Esq; Governor. Engaged.

The Hon. DARIUS SESSIONS, Esq; Dep. Gov. Engaged.

Nicholas Easton, Esq; First Assistant. Engaged.

Samuel Dyre, Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.

Solomon Drown, Esq; Third Assistant. Engaged.

David Harris, Esq; Fourth Assistant. Engaged.

Weslon Hicks, Esq; Fifth Assistant. Engaged.

Thomas Wickes, Esq; Sixth Assistant. Engaged.

Jonathan Randall, Esq; Seventh Assistant. Engaged.

John Congdon, Esq; Eighth Assistant. Engaged.

Joseph Hazard, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.

William Richmond, Esq; Tenth Assistant. Engaged.

Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.

Oliver Arnold, Esq; Attorney-General.

Joseph Clarke, Esq; General Treasurer. Engaged.

Daniel Dunham, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Mi-
litia in the County of *Newport*.

Knight Dexter, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia
in the County of *Providence*.

John Crandall, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia
in the County of *King's-County*.

Simeon Potter, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia
in the County of *Bristol*.

John Waterman, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Mili-
tia in the County of *Kent*.

Joseph Belcher, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regi-
ment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Abraham Winsor, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regi-
ment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Moses Barber, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment
of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

Nathaniel Martin, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Re-
giment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

Isaac Greene, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment
of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

John Forrester, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in
the County of *Newport*.

Cbad Brown, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in
the County of *Providence*. Sylvester

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Sylvester Gardner, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

Thomas Gray, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

Benjamin Vaughan, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

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| <i>George Hazard</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Newport</i> . |
| <i>Jonathan Freeborn</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>William Stoddard</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Thomas Church</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Benjamin Underwood</i> Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Daniel Jenckes</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Providence</i> . |
| <i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Job Randall</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Jeremiah Whipple</i> Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Caleb Aldrich</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>William Potter</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>King's-County</i> . |
| <i>John Case</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>John Rose</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Simeon Perry</i> ; Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Sylvester Robinson</i> Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Nathaniel Fales</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Bristol</i> . |
| <i>William Munro</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>James Brown</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Hezekiah Usher</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Josiah Humphry</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Philip Greene</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kent</i> . |
| <i>Thomas Aldrich</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Stephen Potter</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Stephen Arnold</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>William Nichols</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

John Grelea, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Arthur Fenner, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery; within and for the County of *Providence*.

Daniel

Daniel Rodman, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *King's-County*.

Jonathan Russell, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Hopkins Cook, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Caleb Harris, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Mr. *Stephen Hazard*, Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *King's-County*.

Thomas Throop, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Daniel Howland, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Walter Chalonier, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*.

Simeon Munro, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

Henry Rice, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*.

Edward Thurston, *John Jepson*, *Samuel Chace*, *James Arnold*, and *Nicholas Easton*, Esq's, the Grand Committee or Colony's Trustees for signing Bills of Public Credit.

AND the aforesaid *Edward Thurston* is chosen, and especially appointed, to take, and have the Care and Charge of the Colony's Mortgages and Bonds for Tenths, and to receive the Money due and to be due thereon; and also to make proper Acquittances and Discharges upon the Mortgages, or otherwise, when he receives any of the Colony's Money: And in Case of Non-Payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all such as refuse or neglect to make due Payment.

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AND the same *Edward Tburston* is chosen General Sealer of Weights and Measures throughout the Colony.

Henry Paget, Esq; Public Notary, for the Town and County of *Providence*.

JUSTICES of the PEACE in the several Towns.

NEWPORT :

Martin Howard,
Charles Bardin,
Henry Ward,
Barnabas Hargill,
Samuel Bours,
John Goddard, jun.
John Grelea, jun.
John Davis,
Jonathan Easton
James Milward,
Daniel Dunham,
Jonathan Rogers,
John Pitman,
James Tew, jun.
James Carpenter,
Thomas Hammond,
James Clarke, *Esquires*.

Providence :

Samuel Chace;
Amos Atwell,
John Foster,
David Wilkinson,
Joseph Nash, *Esquires*.

Portsmouth :

John Shearman,
John Almy,
Robert Dennis,
Thomas Shearman, *Esquires*.

Warwick :

John Warner, jun.
Ebenezer Slocum,
John Greene,
Thomas Rice,

Silas Clap,
Ephraim Westcot.
Robert Rhodes,
Silas Casey, *Esquire*:
Westerly :
Oliver Crarey,
William Babcock,
Joseph Noyes,
Humphry Taylor,
John Burdick, (*the Second*)
(*Esquires*).

North-Kingstown :

George Northup,
William Hammond,
Thomas Allen, jun.
George Thomas, (*Son of*
(*Samuel*.)
Benjamin Jefferson,
Eber Shearman,
Caleb Hill,
John Cleveland,
Robert Hall, (*Son of Wm.*)
(*Esquires*).

South-Kingstown :

John Sheldon,
Freeman Perry,
Nathaniel Gardner,
Jeremiah Crandall,
Richard Gardner, *Esquire*.

East-Greenwich :

Thomas Shippey,
Thomas Casey,
Sylvester Sweet,
Samuel Sowle,

Alexander

Alexander Nichols,
Hopkins Cooke, *Esquires.*

Smithfield :

Daniel Mowry, jun.
Stephen Arnold,
Daniel Smith (*Son of Elisha*)
John Farnum,
Welcome Arnold, *Esquires.*

Scituate :

Gideon Harris,
Samuel Dorrance,
Jeremiah Angell,
Thomas Brown,
Oliver Westcot,
Ezekiel Cornell,
Daniel Hopkins,
John Fiske,
Josiah Colvin, *Esquires.*

Gloucester :

Andrew Brown,
Timothy Wilmarth,
Silas Williams,
Jonathan Harris,
Israel Arnold,
Zebedee Hopkins, jun.
Moses Cooper,
Caleb Arnold, *Esquires.*

Charlestown :

Peleg Crofs,
Job Taylor,
Stanton York,
James Kinyon,
Samuel Crofs, *Esquires.*

West-Greenwich :

Judiah Aylworth,
Philip Greene,
Gideon Tripp,
Samuel Hopkins, jun.
John Hall,
George Dyre,
Nicholas Whitford, *Esquires.*

Coventry :

John Rice,

Samuel Wall,
Joseph Whipple,
Nehemiah Potter, *Esquires.*

Exeter :

George Pierce,
Jeffery Wilcox,
Gideon Mosher,
Robert Crandall,
Joseph Arnold, jun.
William Sweet, *Esquires.*

Middletown :

Joseph Peabody,
John Barker,
James Phillips,
Jonas Coggeshall, *Esquires,*

Bristol :

John Howland,
Jeremiah Diman,
Anthony Vandoorn, *Esquires.*

Tiverton :

Restcome Sanford,
John Bowen,
Walter Cook,
Benjamin Hambly,
Thomas Estes, *Esquires.*

Little-Compton :

Israel Stoddard,
Aaron Wilbur,
Philip Taylor,
Jephthah Pearce,
Daniel Wilbur, *Esquires.*

Warren :

John Kinnicut,
Samuel Allen, (*the Second*)
William Turner Miller,
Moses Tyler, *Esquires.*

Cumberland :

John Dexter,
Joseph Brown,
Abner Lapham,
Peter Darling,
Nathaniel Shepardon,
(*Esquires.*)
Richmond :

May 1770.

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| Richmond : | John Larkin, |
| Edward Perry, | John Burdick, |
| George Webb, | Joseph Witter, jun. <i>Esquires.</i> |
| Thomas Kinyon, | Johnston : |
| Robert Stanton, | Abraham Belknap, |
| Benjamin Telft, <i>Esquires.</i> | Noah Matteson, |
| Cranston : | Josiah King, |
| William Burton, | Peleg Williams, |
| Tho's Potter, (<i>Son of John</i>) | Andrew Harris, <i>Esquires.</i> |
| Zuriel Waterman, | North-Providence : |
| Harman Briggs, <i>Esquires.</i> | Edward Tripp, |
| Hopkinton : | Isaiah Hawkins, |
| Francis Tanner, | Thomas Whipple, jun. |
| Thomas Wells, jun. | Jonath. Jenckes, jun. <i>Esq's.</i> |
| Nathan Burdick, | |
| <i>Thomas George, Captain of Fort George.</i> | |

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| Benjamin Crandall, <i>Captain,</i> | } Of the Second Troop of Horse in the County of New- port. |
| Thomas Davenport, <i>Lieutenant,</i> | |
| Zebedee Stoddard, <i>Cornet,</i> | |
| Job Wilbur, <i>Quarter-Master,</i> | |

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| John Matthewson, <i>Captain,</i> | } Of the Troop of Horse in the County of Providence. |
| Jabez Peirce, <i>First Lieutenant.</i> | |
| Daniel Manton, <i>Second Lieutenant,</i> | |
| Christopher Olney, <i>Quarter-Master,</i> | |

OFFICERS to command the respective Trained Bands, or
Companies of Militia in the Colony.

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| <i>Providence,</i> | Wm. Matthewson, <i>Ensign.</i> |
| First Company : | Third Company : |
| Jonathan Arnold, <i>Captain.</i> | Caleb Greene, <i>Captain.</i> |
| Joseph Olney, jun. <i>Lieut.</i> | Christopher Lavalley, <i>Lieut.</i> |
| Richard Godfrey, <i>Ensign.</i> | Waterman Tibbitts, <i>Ensign.</i> |
| Second Company : | <i>Jamestown Company :</i> |
| Elijah Bacon, <i>Captain.</i> | Benjamin Carr, <i>Son of Tho-</i> |
| Zephaniah Andrews, <i>Lieut.</i> | [mas, <i>Captain.</i> |
| Afa Franklin, <i>Ensign.</i> | Samuel Slocum, jun. <i>Lieut.</i> |
| <i>Warwick,</i> | William Slocum, <i>Ensign.</i> |
| Second Company : | <i>Smithfield,</i> |
| William Waterman, <i>Capt.</i> | First Company : |
| Rueben Wightman, <i>Lieut.</i> | Gideon Sayles, <i>Captain.</i> |
| | Benjamin |

Benjamin Medbury, *Lieut.*
Jeremiah Jenckes, *Ensign.*

Second Company :

Simeon Aldrich, *Captain.*
Israel Mowrey, *Lieutenant.*
Israel Comstock, *Ensign.*

Third Company :

William Potter, *Captain.*
Abr'm. Matthewson, *Lieut.*
Nehemiah Smith, *Ensign.*

Scituate,

First Company :

Andrew Angell, *Captain.*
Joseph Knight, *Lieutenant.*
Jeremiah Fish, *Ensign.*

Third Company :

Joseph Kimbal, *Captain.*
John Pratt, *Lieutenant.*
Philemon Hynes, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company :

John Rounds, *Captain.*
John Colvil, *Lieutenant.*
Richard Smith, (*Son of John*)
Ensign.

Gloucester,

First Company :

David Burlington, *Captain.*
Jeremiah Bishop, *Lieutenant.*
Nathan Paine, jun. *Ensign.*

Second Company :

John Inman, jun. *Captain.*
Preserved Herrenden, *Lieut.*
Job Binson, *Ensign.*

Third Company :

Thomas Bussey, *Captain.*
Arnold Lewis, *Lieutenant.*
Eseck Arnold, *Ensign.*

Charlestown Company :

Joseph Wilcox, *Captain.*
Amos Greene, jun. *Lieut.*
Edward Crandall, *Ensign.*

Coventry,

First Company :

William Turner, *Captain.*

Joseph King, *Lieutenant.*

David Goffe, *Ensign.*

Second Company :

Oliver Potter, *Captain.*
Josiah Gibbs, jun. *Lieut.*
Archibald Kaffon, *Ensign.*

Exeter,

First Company :

Elisha Gardner, *Captain.*
Abel Potter, *Lieutenant.*
Benjamin Dawley, *Ensign.*

Middletown Company :

Jeremiah Clarke, *Captain.*
Joseph Rider, jun. *Lieut.*
Jonas Coggeshall, *Ensign.*

Tiverton,

First Company :

John Cook, (*Son of Samuel*)
Captain.

Benjamin Earle, *Lieutenant.*

Philip Gray, *Ensign.*

Second Company :

Daniel Dwelly, *Captain.*
John Jennings, jun. *Lieut.*
John Stafford, *Ensign.*

Little-Compton Company :

Cornelius Simmons, *Capt.*
Ichabod Wood, *Lieutenant.*
Comfort Searle, *Ensign.*

Warren, First Company :

John Child *Captain.*
Benjamin Barton, *Lieut.*
Samuel Pearce, *Ensign.*

Second Company :

Elkanah Humphry, *Capt.*
Matthew Allen, *Lieutenant.*
Samuel Bosworth, *Ensign.*

Cumberland,

First Company :

Benjamin Tower, *Captain.*
Benjamin Walcot, *Lieut.*
Timothy Ide, *Ensign,*

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Richmond

May, 1770.

Richmond Company :
Joseph Tefft, jun. *Captain.*
Samuel Clarke, *Lieutenant.*
Thomas Adams, *Ensign.*
Cranston,

First Company :
Robert Briggs, *Captain.*
Ezekiel Warner, *Lieutenant.*
John Fenner, *Ensign.*

Third Company :
Christopher Lippett, *Captain.*
William Burton, jun. *Lieut.*
Caleb Burlingham, *Ensign.*

Hopkinton,
First Company :
Samuel Babcock, *Captain.*
Joshua Wells, *Lieutenant.*
Barker Wells, *Ensign.*

Johnston Company :
Israel Angell, *Captain.*
Daniel Waterman, *Lieut.*
Emor Olney, *Ensign.*

North-Providence Company :
Enoch Angell, *Captain.*
Daniel Clarke, *Lieutenant.*
Silas Bundy, *Ensign.*

Committee to
remove the
Records of
the Superior
Court in
King's-County.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Joseph Hazard, and Benjamin Peckham, Esq's, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to receive of Freeman Perry, Esq; the late Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and Gaol Delivery, in and for the County of King's-County; all the Papers, Books of Record, Seal, and every Thing else belonging to that Office, and deliver them to Daniel Rodman, Esq; the present Clerk of the said Court, giving and taking Receipts for the same.

J. Bowers
empowered to
appoint a
Keeper of the
Light-House.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Jerathmeel Bowers, Esq; be, and he is hereby, empowered to appoint a suitable Person to be Keeper of the Light-House, and to maintain good and sufficient Lights therein ; and upon Neglect, to remove him and put another in his Room from Time to Time : And that the Sum of Thirty Pounds, Sterling, per Annum, be allowed and paid to the said Jerathmeel Bowers, out of the Naval-Office in quarterly Payments, to commence from the Fifteenth Day of this instant May, for the Support and Maintenance of the Keeper and his Family.

Report of the
Keeper of the
Grand-Com-
mittee's Of-
fice.

WHEREAS Edward Thurston, Esq; Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

To the Hon. General Assembly at their Session in Newport, on the First Wednesday in May, A. D. 1770.

WHEREAS The General Assembly, at their Session in February last, Voted and Ordered, That I should make Report

May, 1770.

II

Report of the Money yet remaining unpaid, which was emitted upon Loan : I have therefore, in Obedience thereto, made the best Calculation I can at present, and find as follows :

In the County of *Newport*.

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| Outstanding in Old Tenor, | £. 4922 | 19 | 1 |
| Ditto of the 9th Bank emitted in the | } 4845 | 5 | 6 |
| Year 1750, - - - | | | |

In the County of *Providence*.

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| Outstanding in Old Tenor, | £. 18964 | 16 | 3 |
| Ditto of the 9th Bank emitted in the | } 5394 | 18 | 2 |
| Year 1750, - - - | | | |

In the County of *Kent*.

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| Outstanding in Old Tenor, | £. 1746 | 5 | 1 |
| Ditto of the 9th Bank emitted in the | } 7832 | 3 | 10 |
| Year 1750, - - - | | | |

In the County of *King's-County*.

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| Outstanding in Old Tenor, | £. 10402 | 6 | 1 |
| Ditto of the 9th Bank emitted in the | } 33757 | 16 | 4 |
| Year 1750, - - - | | | |

In the County of *Bristol*.

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| Of the 9th Bank emitted in the | } 1017 | 8 | 9 |
| Year 1750, - - - | | | |

£. 88883 19 1

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| Sundry Bonds of the former Banks in the several Counties, most of which have no Deeds answering them, and many under other Circumstances which have pre- vented Actions being brought upon them, amounting to | } | £. 3731 | 16 | 6 |
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£. 92615 15 7

Edward Thurston.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be, and hereby is, accepted.

WHEREAS *George Hazard*, Esq; *Mr. Nathaniel Mumford*, and *Mr. William Ellery*, presented to this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

Report of the
Committee
who audited
the Accounts
of the Market
and Granary
House in
Newport.

WE

May 1770

WE the Subscribers being appointed by the General Assembly a Committee to settle the Accounts of the present and former Directors of the Market and Granary-House Lottery in *Newport*, and also the Accounts of the Committee appointed to erect said Building, do report, That we have carefully examined their several Accounts and Vouchers, and have drawn a short State thereof, which we herewith present, by which it appears the Directors have settled and balanced their Accounts with the Committee appointed to erect said Building : And that there is due to *Job Bennet*, Esq; one of the Committee for erecting the same, the Sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven Pounds, Seven Shillings and Seven Pence, Old Tenor, including a Commission of Five per Cent. and to Mr. *John G. Wanton*, the other Committee-Man, Eleven Hundred and Sixty-three Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Three Pence, the like Money, also including a Commission of Five per Cent.

We submit this Report to the Hon. General Assembly.
George Hazard,
Newport, April 30th, 1770. Nathaniel Mumford,
William Ellery.

And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*; That the foregoing Report be, and hereby is, accepted.

M. Bowler
 allowed £. 0
 5s. 6d. Sterl.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Five Shillings and Six Pence, Sterling, be allowed and paid to *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; out of the General Treasury, for the Postage of Letters received by him as Speaker of the Lower House.

General
 Treasurer to
 receive the
 Money due
 from *Benj.*
Wickham, and
J. Willson,
 late Naval-
 Officers.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Col. *Benjamin Wickham*, and Mr. *Jonathan Willson*, the late Naval-Officers, be, and they are hereby, directed to pay into the General Treasury the Sums respectively due from them to the Colony for Light-Money : And the General Treasurer is hereby directed to call upon them for the same.

Committee to
 state the Ac-
 counts be-
 tween the Ge-
 neral Treasu-
 ry and the
 Light-House.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *William Potter*, Esq; Mr. *Edward Thurston*, jun. and Mr. *William Ellery*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to examine the Accounts between the General Treasury

Treasury and the Light-House : And that they lay a true State of the same before this Assembly at the next Session.

WHEREAS Mr. *Solomon Southwick* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Proceedings of the General Assembly, at the Sessions in *October* and *February* last ; for two Books for the Naval-Office, and for printing Treasurer's Notes : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Thirteen Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Nine Pence Three Far-things, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Solomon Southwick*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Southwick
allowed £. 13
18s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Charles Spooner*, *Josiah Arnold*, and *John Maudsley*, Esq's, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to inspect the Light-House : And that they make Report what Repairs are necessary, to this Assembly the next Session.

Committee to
inspect the
Light-House.

WHEREAS *Job Bennet*, Esq; *George Hazard*, Esq; *John Jepson*, Esq; Mr. *Thomas Freebody*, and Mr. *Edward Thurston*, jun. presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit* :

Report of *J.*
Bennet, G.
Hazard, J.
Jepson, T.
Freebody, &
E. Thurston,
jun. who are
allowed £. 3
11s.

To the Hon. the General Assembly of the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, &c. to be held at *Newport*, the First Wednesday in *May*, 1770.

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee, at *February* Session of Assembly, to receive of the General-Treasurer all the lawful Money and Old Tenor Bills of Credit in the General Treasury, and burn the same, do report, That we have received of *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General-Treasurer, the Sum of Two Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Ten Pence, One Farthing, lawful Money Bills of Credit, Principal, dated *March* 10th, 1760, which, with the Sum of One Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Six Pence, Three Farthings Interest, that had become due thereon, amounts to Four Hundred and Sixty-three Pounds,

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Ten Shillings and Five Pence.----The Sum of Two Hundred and Sixteen Pounds, Five Shillings, in the like Bills, dated *May* 12th, 1760, which, with the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds, Three Shillings and Eight Pence, Three Farthings Interest, amounts to Three Hundred and Forty-Three Pounds, Eight Shillings and Eight Pence Three Farthings.----The Sum of Two Hundred and Ninety-seven Pounds, Five Shillings and Three Pence, in the like Bills, dated *March* 20th, 1762, which, with the Sum of Seventy-four Pounds, Six Shillings and Three Pence Half-Penny Interest, amounts to Three Hundred and Seventy-one Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Six Pence Half-Penny.----The Sum of One Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds, Two Shillings and Six Pence, in the like Bills, dated *April* 10th, 1762, which, with Thirty-three Pounds, Ten Shillings and Seven Pence Half-Penny Interest, amounts to One Hundred and Sixty-seven Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and One Penny Half-Penny.----The Sum of One Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Six Pence, in the like Bills, dated *May* 8th, 1762, which, with Thirty-four Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and One Penny Half-Penny Interest, amounts to One Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds, Ten Shillings and Seven Pence Half-Penny.----The Sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds, Four Shillings and Four Pence Half-Penny, in the like Bills, dated *November* 1st, 1762, which, with Eighty-one Pounds, Six Shillings and One Penny Interest, amounts to Four Hundred and Six Pounds, Ten Shillings and Five Pence Half Penny.----The Sum of Eighty-seven Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Two Pence One Farthing, in the like Bills, dated *March* 1st, 1766.----The Sum of Four Hundred and Forty-six Pounds, Two Shillings and One Penny, in the like Bills, dated *February* 28th, 1767.----And the Sum of Thirty-eight Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-two Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Five Pence, in Bills of Credit of the Old Tenor: All of which we have burnt.

Bills

May, 1770.

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| Bills dated. | Principal. | Interest. |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| March 10, 1760, | £. 288 17 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ | £. 174 12 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| May 12, 1760, | 216 5 0 | 127 3 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| March 20, 1762, | 297 5 3 | 74 6 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| April 10, 1762, | 134 2 6 | 33 10 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| May 8, 1762, | 139 12 6 | 34 18 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| November 1, 1762, | 325 4 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 81 6 1 |
| March 1, 1766, | 87 11 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ | |
| February 28, 1767, | 446 2 1 | |

Old Tenor, £. 38382 11 5

Newport, March 29, 1770.

Job Bennet,
George Hazard,
John Jephson,
Thomas Freebody,
Edward Thurston, jun.

Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. Dr.

To our Service in performing the above Business.

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| Job Bennet, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, Days, at 6s. | £. 0 15 0 |
| George Hazard, 4 Days, at 6s. | 1 4 0 |
| John Jephson, 4 Days, at 6s. | 1 4 0 |
| Thomas Freebody, 4 Days, at 6s. | 1 4 0 |
| Edward Thurston, jun. 4 Days, at 6s. | 1 4 0 |
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| | £. 5 11 0 |

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted: That the Account of the Committee be allowed; and that Fifteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid to the said Job Bennet, and One Pound, Four Shillings, lawful Money, to the said George Hazard, John Jephson, Thomas Freebody, and Edward Thurston, jun. severally, out of the General Treasury.

It Is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition for dividing the Town of *Warren* into Two Towns, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session; and that the Inhabitants of the said Town be served with a Copy of the said Petition, and cited to appear then, (if they shall think fit) to answer the same.

Petition for
dividing
Warren, re-
ferred,

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IT Is Voted and Resolved, That the Keeper of the Grand-Committee's Office lay before this Assembly, at the next Session a particular Account of the Names of his Deputies and all other Persons in whose Hands there are any of the Colony's Mortgages and Bonds lodged, or from whom there are any Monies due, belonging to the Grand Committee's Office, with a particular Account of the several outstanding Debts, whether due by Deed, Bond, or Judgment of Court and Execution. And he is hereby directed to sell all such Estates as have been recovered by Actions upon Mortgages, and to collect the Monies due by Judgments upon the Colony's Bonds, whereon Executions do not appear to be satisfied ; and to make as particular a Report as may be, of the State of his Office, at the next Session, to the End that the Accounts thereof may be finally closed.

Account of the Committee appointed to inquire in to Fines and Forfeitures, who are allowed £. 8 2s.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed at the last Session to inquire what Monies are due to the Colony, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

| <i>Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. Dr.</i> | | | |
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| 1770, } To 7 Days Attendance of <i>Matthew</i> | } £. 2 | 2 | |
| <i>April. 2.</i> } <i>Robinson</i> , in <i>Newport</i> , at 6s. | | | |
| To keeping his Horse during said Attendance, | | 12 | 7 |
| To 6 Days Attendance of <i>Nathaniel Greene</i> , | | 1 | 16 |
| To 6 Days Attendance of <i>Stephen Potter</i> , | | 1 | 16 |
| To Boat-Hire specially taken up for <i>Stephen</i> | } 9 | | |
| <i>Potter and Nathaniel Greene</i> , | | | |
| To 4 Days Attendance of <i>Thomas Robinson</i> , | | 1 | 4 |
| To 4 Days Attendance of <i>William Redwood</i> , | | 1 | 4 |
| To <i>John Lawton's</i> Bill, --- Tavern-Keeper, | | 1 | 1 7 |
| | | <hr/> £ 10 5 2 <hr/> | |

AND the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Eight Pounds Two Shillings, lawful Money, thereof, be allowed and paid to the said *Matthew Robinson*, *Nathaniel Greene*, *Stephen Potter*, *Thomas Robinson*, and *William Redwood*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS the Town Treasurer of *Newport*, is now in Gaol for Part of the said Town's Proportion of the Colony's Rate, assessed in the Year 1766, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Town of *Newport* have the Liberty of paying into the General Treasury, the said Deficiency, in any of the lawful Money Bills of this Colony, or Treasurer's Notes, carrying Interest, as a Deposit, until the said Deficiency be paid : Which being complied with, the said Town Treasurer shall be released from Gaol.

Town of
Newport to
pay their De-
ficiency of the
Tax ordered
in 1766, in
any lawful
Money Bills,
&c.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriab Brown* jun. Keeper of his Majesty's Goal in the County of *King-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance of *Jeremiah Mowrey* and his Wife, Two poor Prisoners at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Two Pounds, Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Beriab Brown*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

B. Brown,
jun. allowed
£. 2 12s.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Giles Hosier*, and *Thomas Robinson*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, and requested that they might have a Lease of the Cellar under the Colony-House in *Newport*, with a Privilege in the Yard, for the Term of Fourteen Years, they paying a reasonable Rent for the same : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be granted, and that *George Hazard*, and *Thomas Cranston*, Esq's, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to agree with the said *Giles Hosier*, and *Thomas Robinson*, for a reasonable Rent for the said Cellar, with a Privilege in the Yard ; and that they lay the said Agreement before this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to
let the Cellar
under the
Court-House
in *Newport*.

WHEREAS at the last Session of Assembly, Mr. *William Redwood*, *Nicholas Tillingbast*, Esq; *John Rice*, Esq; *William Bradford*, Esq; and *Simeon Perry*, Esq; or the major Part of them, were appointed a Committee to inquire into the Errors, if any, which might be pointed out to them by a Committee of the Town of *South-Kingstown*, in the late

Committee to
examine the
Estimate of
South-Kings-
town.

Estimate of the ratable Estates in said Town, and hear and consider every Objection which might be offered by them, and to re-examine the said Estimate and to report their Opinion thereon to this Assembly, which is not yet done : And the said *William Bradford* having declined serving ; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Col. *Sylvester Child* be appointed in his Room : That the said Committee be further continued for the Purpose aforesaid : That they, or the major Part of them, meet at *South-Kingstown*, on the Twenty-second Day of this instant *May* : And that they be, and hereby are, directed and empowered to carry with them all such Estimates, Rolls and other Papers as shall appear necessary.

Committee to prepare a Bill for effectually calling in the Old Tenor Bills.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Cranston*, Esq; *Mr. Evan Malbone*, *Mr. Edward Thurston*, jun. and Col. *Joseph Wariton*, jun. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for effectually calling in all the outstanding Old Tenor Bills of Public Credit : And that they present the same to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Office.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Job Bennet*, Esq; *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; and *Mr. Pardon Tillinghast*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer for the last Year : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to inspect the Fort.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Cranston*, Esq; *Capt. William Read*, and *Mr. Thomas Freebody*, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to examine what Repairs are necessary to be made upon *Fort George* : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Officers in whose Stead others have not been chosen continued.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Election of Officers not chosen at this Session, be referred to the next Session : And that in the mean Time the Persons now in Office be, and they are hereby, continued in their respective Offices with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time before had.

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May, 1770.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in the Town of *Newport*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and, within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be transmitted to the Clerk of each Town belonging to the County : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the Second Monday in *June* next, then to meet at *Newport*. Adjourn-
ment.

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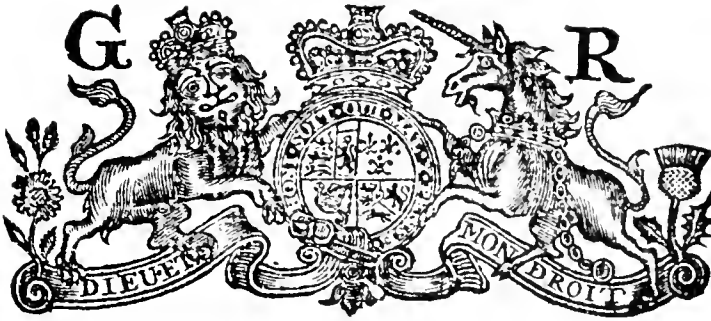
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WITNESS

Henry Ward Secy



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*; begun and holden by Adjournment at *Newport*, within and for the said Colony, on the Second Monday in *June*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy, and Tenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. Joseph Wanton, Esq;
G O V E R N O R.

The Hon. Darius Sessions, Esq;
D E U T Y - G O V E R N O R.

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| NICHOLAS EASTON, Esq; | } | Assistants. |
| SAMUEL DYER, Esq; | | |
| SOLOMON DROWN, Esq; | | |
| WESTON HICKS, Esq; | | |
| JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq; | | |
| JOHN CONGDON, Esq; | | |
| JOSEPH HAZARD, Esq; | | |
| WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq; | | |

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

D E P U T I E S from the several T O W N S.

The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.

N E W P O R T .

Thomas Cranston, *Esq;*
Mr. John Wanton (Son of Gideon)
 George Hazard, *Esq;*
Capt. Samuel Carr,
Capt. William Read,
Mr. Thomas Freebody.

P R O V I D E N C E :

Daniel Jenckes, *Esq;*
Mr. Moses Brown,
Mr. Benjamin Man,
Stephen Hopkins, Esq.

P O R T S M O U T H :

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Thomas Brownell,
Jonathan Freeborn, Esq;
John Almy, Esq.

W A R W I C K .

Philip Greene, *Esq;*
 Benjamin Greene, *Esq;*
 Stephen Arnold, *Esq.*
Mr. Paul Greene.

W E S T E R L Y :

Mr. James Rhodes,
Mr. Oliver Babcock.

N E W - S H O R E H A M :

None.

N O R T H - K I N G S T O W N :

Mr. Ezekiel Gardner,
John Northup, Esq.

S O U T H - K I N G S T O W N :

Rowland Robinson, *Esq;*
Mr. Samuel Rodman.

E A S T - G R E E N W I C H :

Major Preserved Pearce,
William Pearce, Esq.

J A M E S T O W N :

Mr. John Eldred,
Mr. William Hazard.

S M I T H F I E L D :

Caleb Aldrich, *Esq;*
Daniel Mowrey, jun. Esq.

S C I T U A T E :

Mr. William West,
Job Randall, Esq.

G L O U C E S T E R :

Rufus Smith, *Esq;*
 Moses Cooper, *Esq.*

C H A R L E S T O W N :

Gideon Hoxfie, *Esq.*

W E S T - G R E E N W I C H :

William Nichols, *Esq;*
 Thomas Rogers, *Esq.*

C O V E N T R Y :

Stephen Potter, *Esq.*

E X E T E R :

Daniel Barber, *Esq;*
 George Pearce, *Esq.*

M I D D L E T O W N :

Mr. Thomas Coggeshall,
Mr. Thomas Peckham.

B R I S T O L :

Mr. Christopher Ellery,
William Pearce, Esq.

T I V E R T O N :

Samuel Durfee, *Esq.*

L I T T L E - C O M P T O N :

Thomas Church, *Esq;*
 Nathaniel Searle, jun. *Esq.*

W A R R E N :

Samuel Allen, *Esq.*
 Ebenezer Cole, *Esq;*

C U M B E R L A N D :

Jeremiah Whipple, *Esq;*
 John Dexter, *Esq.*

R I C H M O N D :

Mr. Stephen Hoxfie,
Robert Stanton, Esq.

C R A N S T O N :

Caleb Potter, *Esq;*
Capt. Matthew Manchester.

H O P K I N T O N :

Thomas Wells, jun. *Esq;*
Capt. Abel Tanner.

J O H N S T O N :

Col. John Waterman,
Mr. John Beverly.

N O R T H - P R O V I D E N C E :

Elisha Brown, *Esq;*
Capt. Joseph Olney.

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

***** HEREAS Mr. *John Waterman* exhibited
 ***** unto this Assembly an Account, by him
 ***** charged against *Arthur Fenner*, jun. Clerk of
 ***** the Superior Court for the County of *Provi-*
 ***** *dence*, for a Book of Record for that Office :
 And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted*
and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed,
 and that One Pound, Thirteen Shillings, lawful Money,
 being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Waterman*,
 out of the General Treasury.

J. Waterman
 allowed £. 1
 13s.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Redwood*, was appointed One
 of the Committee to inquire into the Errors, if any, which
 might be pointed out to them, by a Committee of the
 Town of *South-Kingstown*, in the late Estimate of the rat-
 able Estates of said Town, &c. declines serving : *It is*
therefore Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Church*, Esq;
 be, and he is hereby, appointed One of the said Commit-
 tee, in the Room of the said *William Redwood*.

T. Church ap-
 pointed One
 of the Com-
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 mine the Esti-
 mate of *South-*
Kingstown.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Town of *South-*
Kingstown immediately proceed to assess and collect their
 Proportion of the last Colony Rate, agreeable to the late
 Estimate, and to pay the same into the General Treasury
 within Two Months after the Rising of this Assembly, with
 Interest from the Time it should have been collected :
 That the Committee appointed by the last Session of this
 Assembly, to inquire into the Errors, if any, which might
 be pointed out to them, by a Committee of the Town of
South-Kingstown, in the late Estimate of the ratable Estates
 of said Town, &c. proceed upon that Business and com-
 plete the same as soon as conveniently may be, with all
 such Powers as were given them at their First Appointment :
 That their First Meeting be at *South-Kingstown*, on the
 First Monday in July next : And that in Case a sufficient
 Number do not appear at said Time, to act, those present
 be empowered to adjourn to a further Time, not exceeding
 the said Two Months.

Committee to
 examine the
 Estimate of *S.*
Kingstown
 continued.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That if it shall
 appear, by the Report of said Committee, or a major
 Part of them, that said Town is over-burthened, the same
 shall be refunded to said Town out of the General Treas-
 ury,

fury, and the Colony shall pay the whole Charge of the said Business of the Colony's Committee : But in Case it shall appear that said Town is not over-burthened, that the said Town shall pay said Charge.

AND It is further Voted and Resolved, That upon the said Town's complying with this Act, their Fine shall be remitted : And that said Committee make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

C Carr allowed £. 15. *IT Is Voted and Resolved*, That Fifteen Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed and paid to Capt. *Caleb Carr*, out of the General Treasury, for his Wages as Captain of Fort *George*, in the Years 1765, 1766 and 1768.

M. Brown to import Glafs for the Use of the Colony. *IT Is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Moses Brown*, be, and he is hereby, requested to import from *England*, for the Use of this Colony, Seven Boxes of *Bristol* or *Newcastle* Crown Sash Glafs, *to wit* : Three Boxes of Twelve by Sixteen, Three of Eleven by Fifteen, and One of Twelve by Seventeen, to contain Seven Hundred Feet in the whole : That the same be shipped as soon as conveniently may be, after the Duty upon Glafs ceases, and the other Governments generally import that Article : And that the General Treasurer pay for the same, according to the common Advance upon such Goods.

Bounds of the Gaol in Bristol enlarged. *IT Is Voted and Resolved*, That the Bounds of the Gaol Yard, in the County of *Bristol*, (for those who have the Liberty thereof) shall include all the Land belonging to the Prison, and the Alley that leads from it to the East Side of *Hope-Street* : And that Messrs. *William Pearce* and *Christopher Ellery*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to lay out, and ascertain the Bounds of said Alley.

Report of J. Hazard & B. Peckham. WHEREAS *Joseph Hazard* and *Benjamin Peckham*, Esqrs, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

WHEREAS by the General Assembly, at *May* Session, 1770, we the Subscribers were appointed a Committee to receive, from *Freeman Perry*, Esq; late Clerk of the Superior Court, &c. within and for the County of *Kings-County*,
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the Seal, Papers, Books of Record, and every Thing else belonging to that Office, and deliver them to *Daniel Rodman*, Esq; the present Clerk of that Court : In Obedience thereto, we have this Day received of the said *Freeman Perry*, all the Papers, Books of Record, and every Thing else belonging to that Office, as the said *Freeman Perry* saith, who also informs us, that he hath no Seal belonging to said Office. We have given and taken Receipts for the same, and do report accordingly.

Joseph Hazard,
Benjamin Peckham.

South-Kingstown, May 15, 1770.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the several Clerks of the Superior and Interior Courts in this Colony, who have no Seals of Office, be, and they are hereby, empowered and directed, immediately to procure suitable Seals for the Use of their respective Offices, at the Charge of the Colony : And that they lay an Account of the Expence thereof before the General Assembly.

Clerks of the
Courts to procure
Seals.

WHEREAS *Beriab Brown*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

Report of *B. Brown* concerning *A. Wilcox*.

IN Obedience to the Vote of the Honorable General Assembly, at their Session in *February* last, I have dismissed *Abraham Wilcox*, a poor Prisoner at the King's Suit, the said *Abraham Wilcox* having first given his promissory Note, payable on Demand to the General Treasurer, for the Sum of Sixteen Pounds, Four Shillings and Four Pence, lawful Money, with Interest until paid, which I have delivered to the General Treasurer, and taken his Receipt for the same.

Beriab Brown, Sheriff.

King's-County, March 12, 1770.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all such Sum and Sums of Money, as remain unpaid of the Rates, assessed by this Colony, be paid into the General Treasury within Forty Days, from and after the Rising of this Assembly : That

General
Treasurer to
issue Executions
against
the delin-
quent Col-
lectors of
Rates.

June, 1770.

the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to issue an Execution for Principal and Interest, against every Collector of Rates, who shall be delinquent, returnable in Ten Days after the Expiration of the said Forty Days; excepting the Collector of Rates for the Town of *South-Kingstown*, against whom no Execution shall be issued until after the next Session of this Assembly.

Report of the
Committee
who audited
the Agent's
Accounts.

WHEREAS the Hon. *Darius Sessions*, Esq; *Philip Greene*, Esq; Mr. *William Ellery*, who were appointed a Committee to audit the Agent's Accounts, presented unto this Assembly their Report thereon, which Account and Report are as follows, *to wit* :

Dr. *The Colony of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in America, with Joseph Sherwood.*

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| 1764. } Dec. } | To Cash paid Two Bills drawn by <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; General- Treasurer, in Favour of <i>George</i> <i>Hazard</i> , Esq; Value £. 514 12 2 and £. 59 7 10. | £. 574 0 0 |
| 1765. } Aug. } | To Cash paid a Number of Bills drawn by the said <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , in this Year, | 3172 9 3 |
| 20. } | To One Year's Salary due this Day, | 100 0 0 |
| | To Expences and Gratuities to the Clerks, Messengers, and Door- keepers of the several public Offi- ces, the House of Lords and Com- mons, Coach-hire, and other pet- ty Expences this Year, | 30 0 0 |
| | To Cash paid for the Votes of the House of Commons this Year, | 2 2 0 |
| | To ditto for manuscript Copy of the Bill relating to the ceded Islands, | 0 6 8 |
| | To ditto paid for ditto Copy of the American Stamp-Duty Bill, | 3 3 0 |
| | To ditto paid for ditto Copy of American Mutiny Bill, | 1 6 8 |
| | To | |

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| 1766. } To One Year's Salary due this | £. 100 0 0 |
| Aug. 20. } Day, | |
| To Expences, Gratuities, &c, as | 30 0 0 |
| before, | |
| To Cash paid for manuscript Co- | 0 6 8 |
| py of Act of Repeal, | |
| To Extra Trouble and Expence | 100 0 0 |
| on the Repeal of the Stamp-Act, | |
| To Cash paid for the Votes of the | 2 2 0 |
| House of Commons, | |
| 1767. } To One Year's Salary, due this | 100 0 0 |
| Aug. 20. } Day, | |
| To Expences and Gratuities as | 30 0 0 |
| before, | |
| 1768. } To One Year's Salary, | 100 0 0 |
| Aug. 20. } To Expences and Gratuities as | 30 0 0 |
| before, this Year, | |
| 1769. } To One Year's Salary, | 100 0 0 |
| Aug. 20. } To Expences and Gratuities as | 30 0 0 |
| before, | |
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| | £. 4505 16 3 |

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| By Balance due to the Colony, sent in 1764, | £. 3562 8 5 |
| By a Reserve in Hand, made in said last | 500 0 0 |
| Account, | |
| By Balance due to <i>Joseph Sherwood</i> , | 443 7 10 |
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| | £. 4505 16 3 |

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the General Assembly at the present Session, a Committee to audit the Agent's Accounts with the Colony, report as follows :

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| That we have reduced his Charge | } £. 300 0 0 |
| of Salary, £. 60 per Ann. which | |
| makes, in 5 Years, | |
| And that we have deducted his | } 100 0 0 |
| Charge for extra Trouble and Ex- | |
| pence on the Repeal of the Stamp- | |
| Act, | |

WHICH

June, 1770.

WHICH £. 400 being deducted from the Balance as drawn by the Agent, leaves a Balance in his Favour, of £. 43 7 10.

*Darius Sessions,
Philip Greene,
William Ellery.*

South-Kingstown, October 28, 1769.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted: That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to purchase, and transmit to the Agent, a good Bill of Exchange, for the abovementioned Balance of Forty-three Pounds, Seven Shillings and Ten Pence Sterling: And that in Case he hath not the Money in the Treasury, he hire a sufficient Sum for that Purpose, to be repaid out of the First public Monies that shall come into the General Treasury.



Act in Addition to the Acts regulating Elections.

AN ACT in Addition to the Acts now in Force, regulating Elections and the Admission of Freemen in this Colony.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That no Person, whose Estate is under Mortgage, when the Mortgage is expired, and the Mortgagee is in Possession of such Estate, shall be admitted to vote in the Election of any Officer in this Colony, nor be capable of acting as a Freeman therein. But the Mortgagee, having Possession of the Land, shall be admitted to vote in the Election of Officers.



Petition for dividing Warren granted.

WHEREAS many of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Warren*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That they labour under great and inconceivable Difficulties in transacting and negotiating the prudential Affairs of said Town, by Reason of a River which runneth through the Middle of it, which they are obliged to pass on all Days of public Meetings and Town-Councils; for which, with other Reasons, they prayed this Assembly to divide the said Town into Two distinct Parts, according to

to the Training List, that is to say ; that the westerly Part of the Town of *Warren*, which was formerly called *Barrington*, may be set off and incorporated into a Township, to be distinguished and known by the Name of *Barrington* ; and that the Inhabitants thereof may, from Time to Time, have and enjoy the like Liberties, Benefits, Privileges and Immunities, with the other Towns in this Colony, according to our Royal Charter.

On Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.

BOTH Houses, being resolved into a Grand Committee, chose the Gentlemen, whose Names are in the subsequent List, to serve the Colony in the Offices ascribed to their respective Names, *to wit* :

Officers chosen.

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| <i>Stephen Hopkins</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol- Delivery, in and thro'out the Colony. |
| <i>James Helme</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Benoni Hall</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Metcalf Bowler</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Stephen Potter</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

John Rose, Esq; Second Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *King'-County*, in the Room of *John Case*, Esq; who declines.

Simeon Perry, Esq; Third Justice of the same Court, in the Room of *John Rose*, Esq; advanced.

Sylvester Robinson, Esq; Fourth Justice of the same Court, in the Room of *Simeon Perry*, Esq; advanced.

John Northup, Esq; Fifth Justice of the same Court, in the Room of *Sylvester Robinson*, Esq; advanced.

Stephen Arnold, Esq; Third Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*, in the Room of *Stephen Potter*, Esq; who is chosen a Justice of the Superior Court.

William Nichols, Esq; Fourth Justice of the same Court, in the Room of *Stephen Arnold*, Esq; advanced.

John Warner, jun. Esq; Fifth Justice of the same Court, in the Room of *William Nichols*, Esq; advanced.

June, 1770.

Paul Tew, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

Isaac Dayton, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*, in the Room of *Joseph Belcher*, Esq; who declines.

Joseph Borden, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Johnston*, in Addition to those already chosen.

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|---|--|
| Benedict Dayton, <i>Captain</i> , | } Of the First Troop of Horse in the County of <i>Newport</i> . |
| Nathaniel Sowle, <i>Lieutenant</i> , | |
| William Tew, <i>Cornet</i> , | |
| John Barker, jun., <i>Qu'r-Master</i> . | |

OFFICERS to command the several Trained Bands or Companies of Militia in the Colony.

NEWPORT,

First Company :

Benjamin Dunham, *Captain*.

Robert Dunham, *Lieut*.

Joseph Pike, *Ensign*.

Second Company :

Elisha Lawton, *Captain*.

Stephen Hawkins, *Lieut*.

Timothy Peckham Hill,
(*Ensign*).

Third Company :

Joshua Sayer, jun. *Captain*.

James Davis, *Lieutenant*.

Joseph Smith, *Ensign*.

Fourth Company :

Hampton Lillibridge, *Capt*.

Lemuel Bailey, *Lieutenant*.

Benjamin Spooner, *Ensign*.

Portsmouth,

First Company :

George Lawton, *Captain*.

Burrington Anthony, *Lieut*.

David Gifford, *Ensign*.

Second Company :

James Allen, (the Second)
(*Captain*).

Thomas Allen, *Lieutenant*.

William Remington, *Ensign*.

Warwick,

First Company :

Benjamin Arnold, jun. *Capt*.

John Greene, (*Son of Richard*)
(*Lieutenant*).

Job Smith, *Ensign*.

Westerly,

First Company :

Elkanah Babcock, *Captain*.

Thomas Thompson, *Lieut*.

Joseph Pendleton, *Ensign*.

Second Company :

Samuel Champlin, *Captain*.

Samuel Allen, *Lieutenant*.

Abel Larkin, *Ensign*.

New-Shoreham Company :

Thomas Dickins, *Captain*.

Tormut Rose, *Lieutenant*.

John Mott, *Ensign*.

North-Kingstown,

First Company :

Joshua Davis, *Captain*.

Job Tibbits, *Lieutenant*.

James Reynolds, (*Son of*
John) (*Ensign*).

Second Company :

John Congdon, (*Son of Jo-*
seph) (*Captain*).

Benjamin

Benjamin Gardner, *Lieut.*
Stephen Congdon, *Ensign.*

Third Company :

James Cooper, *Captain.*
George Hiames, *Lieutenant.*
William Brown, *Ensign.*

South-Kingstown,

First Company :

Samuel Wilton, jun. *Capt.*
Thomas Steadman, jun.
(*Lieutenant.*)

Augustus Mumford, *Ensign.*

Second Company :

Powel Helme, *Captain.*
Gardner William Mumford,
(*Lieutenant.*)

Samuel Whaley, jun. *Ensign.*

East-Greenwich,

First Company :

James Searle, *Captain.*
William Sweet, jun. *Lieut.*
Thomas Foster, jun. *Ensign.*

Second Company :

Allen Johnston, *Captain.*
Job Vaughan, *Lieutenant.*
Jonathan Tibbits, *Ensign.*

Scituate,

Second Company :

Peter Cook, *Captain.*
Simeon Herrenden, *Lieut.*
Daniel Cole, *Ensign.*

West-Greenwich,

First Company :

William Davis, *Captain.*
John Austin, *Lieutenant.*
Jeremiah Matteson, *Ensign.*

Second Company :

Benaiah Corps, *Captain.*

William Tanner, Esq; Fifth Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Hopkinton*, in the Room of *John Burdick, Esq;* who declined.

Hezekiah Babcock, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the same Town, in Addition to those already chosen.

Thomas

Edmund Matteson, *Lieut.*

Caleb Green, *Ensign.*

Third Company :

Jonathan Mitchel, *Captain.*
Abel Aylworth, *Lieutenant.*
Simon Gates, *Ensign.*

Exeter,

Second Company :

Job Willcox, jun. *Captain.*
Jonathan Bates, *Lieutenant.*
Abr'm Willcox, (*the Third*)

(*Ensign*)

Bristol Company :

Jeremiah Ingraham, *Captain.*
Stephen Smith, *Lieutenant.*
Hezekiah Munro, *Ensign.*

Cumberland,

Second Company :

Levi Tower, *Captain.*
Ephraim Brown, *Lieutenant.*
Elias Philbrock, *Ensign.*

Richmond Company :

Thomas Kinyon, (*Son of David*) (*Captain.*)
Job Moon, *Lieutenant*, in the Room of *Joseph Tefft*, jun. and *Samuel Clarke*, who declined.

Cranston,

Second Company :

Meshech Potter, *Captain.*
Frederick Williams, *Lieut.*
Nathaniel Carpenter, *Ensign.*

Hopkinton,

Second Company :

Abel Tanner, *Captain.*
Josias Witter, *Lieutenant.*
John Witter, jun. *Ensign.*

Thomas Tillinghast, Esq; Third Justice of the Peace, for the Town of *East-Greenwich*, in the Room of *Sylvester Sweet*, Esq; who declined.

John Allen, (Son of *Jonatban*) Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*, in the Room of *Sylvester Gardner*, Esq; who declined.

Charles Rhodes, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Cransford*, in the Room of *Benjamin Carpenter*, who declines.

Petition of
Esther Sachem
and *Thomas*
Sachem
granted.

WHEREAS *Esther Sachem* and *Thomas Sachem* preferred the following Petition unto this Assembly, to wit :

To the Honorable General Assembly, to be holden at Newport, in the County of Newport, on the Second Monday of June, A. D. 1770.

HUMBLY shew, *Esther Sachem*, of *Charles-town* in *King's-County*, who is Heir at Law to *Thomas Ninigret*, Sachem of the *Narragansett* Tribe of *Indians*, together with her Husband, *Thomas Sachem*, That the General Assembly did take the Affairs of her deceased Brother into their Care, long before his Death, and appointed a Committee to take an Accompt of his Debts, and dispose of so much of his Lands, as would discharge the Debts against him, who proceeded so far as to take an Account of his Debts, and to dispose of a small Part of his Lands; when the General Assembly interposed, and appointed a new Committee, to set off what did belong to the Sachem, that should be sold to discharge the Debts against the Estate; which said Committee have done Nothing. That as the Affair hath been several Years in this Situation, the Creditors to said Estate are uneasy, and the principal Part of said Estate is under a heavy Mortgage, and unless the General Assembly orders Something to be immediately done, all the Creditors will sue at *August* Court: And that the Mortgage is now in Suit, and hath been continued Two Terms, and must be yielded up at the Rising of *August* Court, unless the Affair can be settled before. Besides, the Debts are upon Interest, and increase fast, which, with the Charges of Two Law-Suits, will swallow up the whole Estate, if speedy Remedy be not taken. Therefore, they humbly pray the General Assembly to take their distressed Circumstances

stances into Consideration, and order the last appointed Committee to proceed immediately, and set off what Lands shall be sold, and upon their setting off said Land, that the former Committee immediately proceed to dispose of the Lands, and pay the Demands against the Estate, so far as the General Assembly have ordered them to be paid ----- And they, as in Duty bound, will ever pray.

July 11, 1770. *Esther Sachem, + her Mark,*
Thomas Sachem, + his Mark.

On Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Petition be, and hereby is, granted.

WHEREAS *Job Bennet*, Esq; *Mr. Pardon Tillinghast* and *Metcalfe Bowler*, Esq; who were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer, presented unto this Assembly a State of his Account, together with the following Report and Account, by them charged against the Colony, *to wit* :

Report of *J Bennet, P. Tillinghast, & M. Bowler,* who are allowed *1.4.*

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable General Assembly, at the Session in *May* last, a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Mr. William Wanton*, Naval-Officer, do report, That we have caretully examined the Books and Accounts, produced by *Mr. James Clarke*, his Deputy, and do find, that there is due to the Colony, from *Mr. William Wanton*, on the Adjustment of his Accounts, the above being an exact State thereof, the Sum of Fourteen Pounds, Fourteen Shillings, and Ten Pence, lawful Money.

Job Bennet,
Pardon Tillinghast,
Metcalfe Bowler.

Newport, June 12, 1770.

The Colony Dr. to the Committee,

For our Service in settling the Accounts, 1 } £. 0 18 0
Day each,

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : That the said Account be allowed, and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Job Bennet, Pardon Tillinghast, and Metcalfe Bowler*, out of the Light Money.

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WHEREAS

WHEREAS *Nicholas Tillinghast*, Esq; was appointed
J. Cole ap- One of the Committee, to inquire into the Errors, if any,
 pointed One which might be pointed out to them by the Committee of
 of the Com- the Town of *South-Kingstown*, in the late Estimate of the
 mittee to ex- ratable Estates of said Town, &c. declines serving, *It is*
 mine the Esti- therefore Voted and Resolved, That *John Cole*, Esq; be and
 mate. he is hereby, appointed One of the said Committee, in the
 Room of the said *Nicholas Tillinghast*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary be, and
 he is hereby, empowered and directed, to procure printed
 Schedules to be sent to the Attorney-General. Copies of all the Laws, Acts and Orders, made and passed
 since the new Digest, and, under the Seal of the Colony,
 duly certified, to deliver the same to the Attorney-Gener-
 al, and so, from Time to Time, for the future, to transmit
 the same to him, in the same Manner as by Law is direct-
 ed to be sent to the several Town-Clerks in the Colony.

WHEREAS at the last Session, this Assembly appointed
Jerathmeel Bowers, Esq; to have the Care and Charge of the
J. Arnold to have the Care of the Light- House. Light-House, &c. And this Assembly is now informed,
 that he is not in Possession of the Land whereon the Light-
 House stands, nor of the House in which the Keeper lives,
It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Vote be su-
 spended and of no Force, until further Orders from this
 Assembly, and that, in the mean Time, *Josiah Arnold*, Esq;
 continue to have the Care of the Light-House.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer,
 Col. *Job Bennet*, *George Hazard*, Esq; together with the
 Committee to inquire into the Petitions of *Wickham* and *Scott*. Attorney-General, be, and they are hereby, continued a
 Committee, in the Matters of the Colony, with Messrs.
Benjamin Wickham and *George Scott*, according to Ap-
 pointment, at last *February* Session of this Assembly: And
 that they, the said Committee, or the major Part of them,
 make Report to the next Session.

WHEREAS *Josiah Arnold*, and *Charles Spooner*, Esqrs.
 Report on the Light-House. presented unto this Assembly, the following Report, *to wit* :

AGREEABLE to a Vote of the General Assembly, at the
 last Session, we have inspected into the present Condition
 of the Light-House, and find the Wooden Work to be
 very

very defective, which we believe is owing to a great Dampness continually within the Walls, there not being Windows enough to admit Air sufficient to keep the Timbers dry; so that, unless Something be done to prevent it, there is Danger of the Lanthorn's falling. We therefore recommend to your Honors, That Floors be made, Twelve or Fourteen Feet asunder, with opposite Windows on each Floor, which, in all Probability, will let in Air sufficient to keep the Wooden Work dry, and make it lasting; otherwise, from it's present Construction, it cannot be expected, there being only Three Windows in the whole Building, which consist of Four small Glasses each.

*We are your Honors
most obedient, humble Servants,
Josiah Arnold,
Charles Spooner.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Jonathan Jeffers, Samuel Brown, and John Simpson*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for cleaning the Court-House in *Newport*, from *June, 1769*, to *June, 1770*, cutting Wood for the same; &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Two Pounds, Seven Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers, Samuel Brown, and John Simpson*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Jeffers, S.
Brown, and
J. Simpson* allowed 2l. 7s.

WHEREAS the Hon. *Joseph Wanton, Esq;* the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins, Esq;* and *Joseph Hazard, Esq;* were, at the Session of Assembly in *February* last, appointed a Committee, they, or the major Part of them, to inquire into the Subject-Matter of some Disputes between *Esther Sachem*, calling herself Queen of the Tribe of *Indians* in this Colony) *Thomas Sachem*, her Husband, and *Henry Harry*, on the One Part, and *Samuel Niles* and others, of the other Part, &c. as by the Vote of said Assembly may appear: And as Nothing yet hath been done in said Affair, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Committee be still continued, for the Purpose aforesaid: And that they, or the major Part of them, perform said Business, and make Report to the General Assembly, as soon as conveniently may be.

Committee to settle the Disputes among the Indians, continued.

An

An Act for incorporating the West Part of the Town of *Warren*, into a Township, to be distinguished and known by the Name of *Barrington*.

Barrington
incorporated.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Town of *Warren* be, and the same is hereby, divided into Two distinct and separate Towns : That the Bounds between them be as the River between *Bristol* and *Rumstick* extends itself Northerly to *Miles's* Bridge : That all the Lands on the Westerly Side of said River be, and they are hereby erected and made into a Township, to be distinguished, called and known by the Name of *Barrington* : And that the Inhabitants thereof shall choose Two Deputies to represent them in the General Assembly ; and shall have, hold and enjoy all and singular the Liberties, Privileges and Immunities which the other Towns in this Colony have, enjoy and are entitled to.

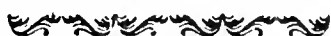
AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all Debts due, and Money belonging to the Town of *Warren*, before the Division thereof, by this Act made, shall be divided according to the last Tax : That all Debts due from the said Town before the Division, shall be settled and made in the same Manner : And that the Poor of said Town be divided between the said Two Towns in Proportion to their Taxes and Debts.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every of the Justices of the Peace, and Military Officers who were chosen and appointed for the Town of *Warren*, and live in that Part thereof which is now made *Barrington*, be, and they are hereby, continued in their respective Offices, with as full Power and ample Authority, in every Particular, as they had in Consequence of their being chosen into, and commissioned for, the Offices by them respectively sustained : And that *James Brown*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, authorized, and fully empowered, to issue a Warrant and call the Freemen of the Town of *Barrington*, to meet together at such Time and Place, within said Town, as he shall think fit, on, or before the Eighth Day of July next, in order to choose and appoint all Officers necessary for managing and conducting the prudential Affairs of said Town, agreeable to the Laws of this Colony.

AND

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Town of *Barrington* shall send Three Grand and Two Petit-Jurors to each of the Superior and Inferior Courts, which shall be holden in the County of *Bristol* : And that the Town of *Warren* shall send Three Grand and Four Petit-Jurors to each of the said Courts.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That *Nathaniel Fales, Thomas Throop, and Daniel Bradford*, Esqrs, all of *Bristol*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to settle and proportion the Debts and Poor of said Town, agreeable to the last Tax of said Town.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Thomas Freebody* be, and he is hereby, appointed and directed to repair the Pendant, and procure a new Flag and Halliards, and One Barrel of Tar for the Use of *Fort-George* ; and also to provide and supply Six Cords of Pines for repairing the Wharf, that the Soldiers may amend and repair the same.

T. Freebody
to procure
some Nec-
essaries for
Fort-George.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in the Town of *Newport*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and, within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be transmitted to the Clerk of each Town belonging to the County : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the Second Monday in *September* next, then to meet at *East-Greenwich*.

Adjourn-
ment.

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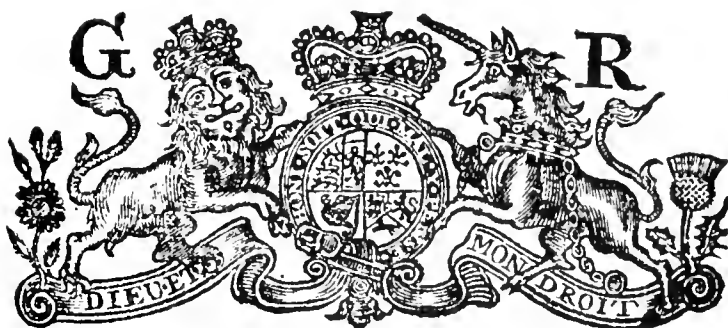
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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*; begun and holden by Adjournment at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the said Colony, on the Second Monday in *September*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy, and Tenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. Darius Sessions, *Esq;*

D E U T Y - G O V E R N O R.

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The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

D E P U T I E S from the several T O W N S.

The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.

N E W P O R T :

Thomas Cranston, *Esq;*
 George Hazard, *Esq;*
Capt. Samuel Carr,
Capt. William Read,
Mr. Thomas Freebody.

P R O V I D E N C E :

Daniel Jenckes, *Esq;*
Mr. Moses Brown,
Mr. Benjamin Man,
 Stephen Hopkins, *Esq.*

P O R T S M O U T H :

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Thomas Brownell,
 John Almy, *Esq.*

W A R W I C K :

Philip Greene, *Esq;*
Mr. Benjamin Greene,
 Stephen Arnold, *Esq;*
Mr. Paul Greene.

W E S T E R L Y :

Mr. James Rhodes.

N E W - S H O R E H A M :

None.

N O R T H - K I N G S T O W N :

Mr. Ezekiel Gardner,
 John Northup, *Esq.*

S O U T H - K I N G S T O W N :

Rowland Robinson, *Esq;*
Mr. Samuel Rodman.

E A S T - G R E E N W I C H :

Major Preserved Pearce,
 William Peirce, *Esq.*

J A M E S T O W N :

Mr. John Eldred.

S M I T H F I E L D :

Caleb Aldrich, *Esq;*
 Daniel Mowrey, jun. *Esq.*

S C I T U A T E :

Mr. William West,
 Job Randall, *Esq.*

G L O U C E S T E R : None.

C H A R L E S T O W N :

Gideon Hoxsie, *Esq;*
Capt. Joseph Stanton.

W E S T - G R E E N W I C H :

William Nichols, *Esq;*
Mr. Thomas Rogers.

C O V E N T R Y :

Stephen Potter, *Esq;*
Mr. Nathaniel Greene.

E X E T E R :

Daniel Barber, *Esq;*
 George Peirce, *Esq.*

M I D D L E T O W N :

Mr. Thomas Coggeshall,
Mr. Thomas Peckham.

B R I S T O L :

William Pearce, *Esq.*

T I V E R T O N :

William Cooke, *Esq.*

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Thomas Church, *Esq.*

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Capt. Matthew Manchester.

H O P K I N T O N :

Thomas Wells, jun. *Esq.*

J O H N S T O N :

Col. John Waterman.

N O R T H - P R O V I D E N C E :

Capt. Joseph Olney.

B A R R I N G T O N :

Samuel Allen, (the 2d) *Esq;*

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

HEREAS Mr. *George Lawton*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance of *Isaac Williams*, a poor Prisoner at the Suit of the King: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that One Pound, Twelve Shillings and Three Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Lawton*, out of the General Treasury.

G. Lawton
allowed 1l.
12s. 3d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Man* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Materials provided for, and Work done upon, the Court-House in *Providence*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Eighteen Pounds, Seven Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Man*, out of the General Treasury.

B. Man allowed 18l. 7s

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Freebody* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, charged against the Colony by Mr. *John Nichols*, for Six Cords of Pine Logs to repair the Wharf at *Goat-Island*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Three Pounds, Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Freebody*, out of the General Treasury.

T. Freebody
allowed 3l.
12s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Freebody* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account charged against the Colony, by Mr. *James Caboone*, for a Barrel of Tar for *Fort-George*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Freebody*, out of the General Treasury.

T. Freebody
allowed 12s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Thomas Freebody* be, and he is hereby, appointed to procure the Wharf at *Goat-Island* to be repaired: That the Soldiers at *Fort-George* assist therein, to whom the Captain of *Fort-George* shall give Orders

T. Freebody
appointed to
repair the
Wharf at
Goat-Island,

Orders to obey the said *Thomas Freebody*, in making said Repairs : And that he hire such other help as he shall think necessary.

J. Bennet allowed 9l. 12s 5d. $\frac{1}{2}$.

WHEREAS *Job Bennet*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for providing Stuff, and making a Flag for, and repairing the Pendant at, *Fort-George* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Nine Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Five Pence, Half-Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Job Bennet*, out of the General Treasury.

Jamestown Assessors allowed 1l. 4s. 2d. $\frac{3}{4}$, L. M. and 23l. 17s. 7d. O. T.

WHEREAS Messrs. *John Remington*, *Oliver Hull*, and *John Gardner*, the Assessors of Rates for the Town of *Jamestown*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for assessing upon the the Inhabitants of said Town, the Rate ordered by the General Assembly in *February*, 1769 : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that One Pound, Four Shillings, and One Penny, Three Farthings, lawful Money, and Twenty-three Pounds, Seventeen Shillings, and Seven Pence, Old Tenor, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Remington*, *Oliver Hull*, and *John Gardner*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee to prepare a Bill for the more effectual collecting of taxes.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; *George Hazard*, Esq; and the Secretary, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for the more effectual collecting of such Taxes as shall hereafter be assessed, by Order of the General Assembly, upon the several Towns in this Colony.

Report of the Committee appointed to settle the Disputes among the Indians.

WHEREAS the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and *Joseph Hazard*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the General Assembly to inquire into some Disputes subsisting among the *Narraganset* Tribe of Indians, and to endeavour to settle the same, do report,

THAT

THAT we repaired into the *Indian* Country, convened all the principal *Indians* there before us, and prevailed with them all to agree, that as much of their Land may be sold, as will pay the late Sachem *Thomas's* Debts: Provided, that no Land be sold for that Purpose, but such as the Tribe shall appoint; and that the General Assembly pass an Act, that no more of the *Indian* Lands may be sold afterwards, upon any Pretence whatsoever.

THE *Indians* requested, that the Committee, appointed to adjust the Sachem *Thomas's* Debts, may be empowered to examine for what the Debts became due, notwithstanding they may now be reduced to Mortgages, Bonds, Notes, &c. suggesting great Impositions therein.

THE *Indians* further requested, that the General Assembly would appoint Two of them to be Justices of the Peace, for punishing Drunkenness, Breach of the Peace, and other Offences amongst themselves.

THEN the *Indians* pointed out the following Parcels of Land to be sold :---1. The large House the late Sachem *Thomas* lived in, with Twenty-six Acres of Land adjacent to it :---2. The House the late Sachem *George* dwelt in, with about Sixty Acres of Land about it :---3. A Tract of Land heretofore sold at Vendue to *Isaac Nye*, but not yet measured, nor any Deed given :---4. A small Piece of Land in Possession of *James Perry* :---5. A small Piece of Land in Possession of *Joseph Hoxfie* :---6. Nine Acres and an Half of Land lying by a Place called *Welsbare* :--- And lastly, as much of the Cedar Swamp as will complete the Payment of *Thomas's* Debts.

FINALLY, the *Indians* did agree and promise to provide, as good a Support for the remaining Branches of the Royal Family, as the small Remains of their public Lands, and the loyal Affections of a poor People can admit.

ALL which Agreements and Requisitions we promised the *Indians* to recommend to the General Assembly, as fit to be confirmed and granted. And we do accordingly recommend them as worthy the Notice and Approbation of the General Assembly, and presume to subscribe ourselves,

Their faithful Servants,

Stephen Hopkins,

Joseph Hazard.

East-Greenwich; Sept. 10, 1770.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted and approved, excepting that Part thereof recommending it to the General Assembly to appoint *Indian* Justices of the Peace, which is disapproved by this Assembly.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the several Pieces and Parcels of Land and Estates, mentioned in the said Report, be sold for paying the late Sachem *Thomas's* Debts : And that no other of the *Indian* Lands be thereafter sold on any Pretence whatever.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to adjust the said Sachem *Thomas's* Debts, and to sell the Lands for Payment thereof, be, and they are hereby, empowered to examine how the Debts became due, notwithstanding they may now be reduced to Mortgages, Bonds, Notes, or Judgments of Court which have been obtained by Default : That no more of said Debts be paid, than shall appear to be justly due : And that the said Committee be, and they are hereby, empowered to defend against all Actions that have been, or shall be, brought against the late Sachem *Thomas's* Estate : And that all Expences and Costs, attending the defending in any Action, brought, or that may be brought against the said Estate, shall be defrayed out of the said Estate.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, added to the Committee appointed to adjust the Debts of the said *Thomas*, to examine how they became due, and to sell and dispose of the Lands for the Payment thereof.

WHEREAS the Deputies of the Town of *Newport*, by Order and in Behalf of said Town, represented unto this Assembly, That *Job Bennet*, Esq; and Mr. *John Wanton*, (Son of *Gideon*) presented a Remonstrance to said Town, in Town-Meeting assembled, praying the Town to pay them the Money due to them for carrying on the Building of the Market-House and Granary in said Town, so far as the same is done : And thereupon the said Deputies prayed this Assembly to appoint *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esq; Mr. *Samuel Lyndon*, jun. *Joseph Wanton*, Esq; (Son of *Gideon*) Mr. *Thomas Freebody*, *Daniel Dunham*, Esq; and *Charles Spooner*, Esq; Directors to carry on a Lottery or Lotteries,

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Directors appointed for the Market-House and Granary Lottery in *Newport*.

to finish said Building, and also to pay the said *Job Bennet*, and *John Wanton*, the Money due to them, out of the First Money that shall be raised by said Lottery or Lotteries.

On Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said *Joseph Wanton*, jun. *Samuel Lyndon*, *Joseph Wanton*, (Son of *Gideon*) *Thomas Freebody*, *Daniel Dunham*, and *Charles Spooner*, be, and they are hereby, appointed Directors of the said Market-House and Granary Lotteries, to be carried on for raising Money to pay the late Committee appointed to build the said Market-House and Granary, and for finishing and completing the same : And that the same be done without any Expence to the Colony.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of the Towns of *Westerly* and *Hopkinton*, preferred a Pétition and represented unto this Assembly, That at the Instance of divers Inhabitants of the Colony of *Connecticut*, who shewed them a Draught of an Act for restraining the Fishery in *Pawcatuck* River, proposed to be passed by the General Assembly of the Colony of *Connecticut*, many of the Inhabitants of the said Towns thinking the same would be of public Utility, prayed the General Assembly of this Colony, to pass an Act, similar to that above-mentioned, laying heavy Fines and Penalties upon such Persons as should make any Wears, or draw any Seines in said River, from *Thomas Gardner's* Point, to the utmost Extent of said River, &c. which was accordingly passed : That the General Assembly of the Colony of *Connecticut* have always refused to pass the said proposed Act, and have at length voted the same out : And that the Inhabitants of said Colony of *Connecticut*, bordering upon said River, have taken the Advantage thereof, and erected a Number of Wears upon said River, and draw Seines therein with good Success, while the Inhabitants of this Colony are restrained from the Fishery in said River, unless they will go upon *Connecticut* Side, and draw in the Wears there erected ; Eighteen Dollars having been given by an Inhabitant of *Westerly*, for the Privilege of drawing in One of their Wears. And thereupon they prayed this Assembly, That the late Act, restricting the Fishery in *Pawcatuck* River, may be repealed ; and that the former Act may stand in Force.

Act restraining the Fishery in *Pawcatuck* repealed.

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On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted, That the Prayer in the said Petition contained, be, and the same is hereby granted.

WHEREAS William Greene, Esq; Mr. Thomas Freebody, and Mr. William Ellery, exhibited unto this Assembly the following Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Services as Part of the Committee appointed to inquire what Money is due to the Colony from particular Persons, &c. to wit :

Colony of Rhode-Island, Dr. to William Greene, Thomas Freebody, and William Ellery.

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| <i>To William Greene's Time and Expence in going to Newport, Providence, and King's-County, to procure Certificates in the Colony's Behalf, &c. 7 Days, at 6s.</i> | £. 2 2 0 |
| <i>To Thomas Freebody, for his Time and Trouble about the said Business,</i> | 0 18 0 |
| <i>To William Ellery, for his Time and Trouble about the said Business.</i> | 0 18 0 |

Lawful Money. £. 3 18 0

AND the said Account being duly examined, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Two Pounds, Two Shillings, lawful Money, be paid the said William Greene, Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid the said Thomas Freebody, and Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid the said William Ellery, out of the General Treasury.

Gen. Treasurer to sue the Treasurer of New-Shoreham.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to commence an Action immediately, against the Town Treasurer of the Town of New-Shoreham, for what remains due of said Town's Proportion of the last Colony Rate.

Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Estimate of S. Kingstown.

WHEREAS Thomas Church, John Cole, Simeon Perry, Sylvester Child, and John Rice, Esqrs. presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

To

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the English Colony of Rhode-Island, to be held at East-Greenwich, on the Second Monday of September, A. D. 1770.

WE the Subscribers, being, by the Hon. General Assembly, appointed a Committee to examine into the Errors and Mistakes which should be pointed out to us, by a Committee from the Town of *South-Kingstown*, in the general Estimation of their Town, met at *Little-Redd*, the 13th Instant, and applied to the Gentlemen of the Committee, to point out to us the Errors, &c. But instead of doing that, after waiting till the 16th Instant, they sent a Request, in Writing, that we would appoint a future Day for the hearing them respecting said Errors ; as also that we would procure for them all the Lists of the Inhabitants of the Colony, together with the Rolls of all the Towns except *New-Shoreham*, which Request is herewith presented, to which we gave an Answer, which is also herewith presented, signifying our Opinion, that it was not in our Power to comply therewith, and gave our Reasons in Support of that Opinion ; to which they made a Reply, which is also annexed, but very little to the Purpose, and renewed their former Request. But we informed them, in Writing, that we had already given our Opinion, that we could not comply with it ; and that as they had not pointed out to us any Errors in their Rolls, and signified they should not, we concluded we had no further Business here.

All which is humbly submitted, by
 Your Honors
 Most humble Servants,
Thomas Church,
John Cole,
Simeon Perry,
Sylvester Child,
John Rice.

Little-Redd, Aug. 17, 1770.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted : This Assembly being of Opinion that said Committee have discharged the Trust reposed, in them, with Fidelity and Uprightness, as far as it was in their Power to do the same.

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WHEREAS *Thomas Church, John Cole, Simeon Perry, T. Church, J. Cole, S. Perry, S. Child, and J. Rice*, Esqrs. presented unto this Assembly the following Account, to wit :

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THE Colony of Rhode-Island, to the Committee for examining the Estimate of South-Kingstown, Dr.

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| To <i>Thomas Church</i> , for himself and Horse-hire, Expences, &c. 7 Days, at 9s, per Day, | £. 3 3 0 |
| To <i>John Cole</i> , for ditto, 10 Days, at 9s. | 4 10 0 |
| To <i>Simeon Perry</i> , for ditto, 10 Days, at 9s. | 4 10 0 |
| To <i>Sylvester Child</i> , for ditto, 6 Days, at 9. | 2 14 0 |
| To <i>John Rice</i> , for ditto, 6 Days, at 9s. | 2 14 0 |
| To <i>Joseph Lippitt</i> , Esq; who attended upon the Committee twice, at their Request, for 6 Days, at 9s. | 2 14 0 |
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AND the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Twenty Pounds, Five Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Church, John Cole, Simeon Perry, Sylvester Child, and John Rice*, out of the General Treasury.

Gen. Treasur-
er to sue the
Town-Treasur-
er of S.
Kingstown,
in Case the
Tax be not
paid by the
25th of October
next, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Town of *South-Kingstown* immediately proceed to assess and collect their Proportion of the last Colony Rate, agreeable to the General Estimate; and that they pay the same into the General Treasury, with Interest, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *October* next : That, upon Failure thereof, the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to commence an Action against the Town-Treasurer of the said Town, agreeable to Law : And that if the said Town shall not, by the Time abovementioned, pay unto the General Treasurer the Sum of Twenty Pounds, Five Shillings, lawful Money, being the Sum allowed to the Committee which was appointed at the Request of the said Town, to examine the late Estimate of the ratable Estates in said Town, for their Service, that then the said Town-Treasurer be sued, for that Charge also, in another Action.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS the General Assembly at the Session held on the last *Monday* in *February*, A. D. 1763, did grant a Lottery consisting of Two Classes, in Order to raise a Sum of Money for Building a Wharf, at a Place called *Church's Harbour*, in *Little-Compton*; and this Assembly is now informed, that One of the said Classes hath been drawn, and the Money, raised thereby, hath been appropriated to the Use above-mentioned: That a Number of the Tickets of the Second Class, have been disposed of, but that the Directors cannot, by any Means, sell the Remainder, and are thereby prevented from prosecuting said Lottery any further: And that divers Persons, who have purchased said Tickets, and given their Notes to the Directors therefor, have since disposed of Tickets to others, who are often calling upon the Directors for the Price of the Tickets.

Directors of *Little-Compton* Lottery empowered to call in the Tickets of the Second Class. And a Committee appointed to settle the First Class.

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Directors, or their Executors, be, and they are hereby, empowered to call in all the Tickets of the said Second Class; and to put in Suit all such Notes as they have received for Tickets, to enable them to pay the Possessors of the said Tickets for the same.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That M^{rs}s *Gideon Taylor*, *Philip Taylor*, and *George Wood*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Directors, respecting the First Class of the said Lottery: That the same be done without any Expence to the Colony: And that they make Report to this Assembly, as soon as conveniently may be.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto this Assembly, that the Gaol in *King's-County* is insufficient to secure Prisoners, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *King's-County* be, and he is hereby, directed to prepare, and strengthen Two Rooms in said Gaol, in such a Manner as effectually to secure criminal Offenders.

Gaol in *Kings-County* to be strengthened.

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AN ACT for calling in and sinking all the Old Tenor Bills of Public Credit, that are outstanding, and now passing in this Colony.

Act for sinking the outstanding Bills of Credit of the Old Tenor.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted, That from and after the First Day of *January*, One Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Seventy-one, no Old Tenor Bills shall be received in Payment for any Goods sold, or paid away for any Goods bought, but they shall wholly cease passing as a Currency in this Colony, and shall all be carried into the General Treasury, and there be received by the General Treasurer, who shall give to the Person or Persons bringing the same, a Treasurer's Note or Notes, for the Sums they shall deliver into the General Treasury, payable the First Day of *January*, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, without Interest : That if the said Notes be not paid at said Time, they shall carry Interest, at the Rate of Six perCent perAnn, until paid : That no Note be given for a less Sum than Three Shillings, lawful Money : That for every Eight Pounds, Old Tenor, so delivered into the General Treasury, a Note for Six Shillings, lawful Money, shall be given, and so in Proportion for a greater or less Sum.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Notes shall be received by the General Treasurer, and by the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, in Discharge for any Old Tenor Debts that are due to the Colony, and by all other Persons, in Discharge of private Contracts for Old Tenor, at the abovementioned Rate.

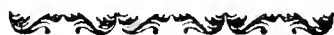
AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Mr. *Edward Thurston*, jun. and Mr. *Benjamin Nichols*, be, and they are hereby, appointed, with the General Treasurer, to receive and inspect into the Goodness of all Old Tenor Bills that shall be offered in the General Treasury : That they effectually deface all counterfeit Bills that shall be presented them, so as to render them impassable, and then, if requested, return them to the Persons who

who shall bring them : That the General Treasurer shall make a fair List in a Book, of all the Old Tenor he shall receive, with the Names of the Persons of whom he shall receive the same : And that he also cause Advertisements to be inserted in the *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers, calling upon all Persons to bring into the General Treasury, all their Old Tenor Bills, including the Bills emitted in the Year One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty ; which Advertisements shall continue until the First Day of *July*, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-one.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to procure a Number of Treasurer's Notes to be printed, of the following Form, to wit :

“ I JOSEPH CLARKE, General Treasurer of the Colony of Rhode-Island, for myself, and my Successors in said Office, do promise, for Value received in Old Tenor, into the General Treasury, to pay unto the Possessor of this Note lawful Money of the Colony of Rhode-Island, upon the First Day of January, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-two : If not paid at said Time, then to pay Six per Cent Interest until paid.”

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Notes be issued by the General Treasurer, until after the First Day of *January* next : And that all those Persons who shall neglect to bring into the General Treasury, their Old Tenor Bills of Credit, within Six Months, from and after the said First Day of *January* next, shall lose the Benefit of having them exchanged.



WHEREAS *Job Bennet*, Esq; *Mr. Pardon Tillinghast*, and *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

Report of the Committee upon the Accounts of the Naval-Office.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode-Island, to be holden by Adjournment at East-Greenwich, in said Colony, on the Second Monday in September, A. D. 1770.

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WHEREAS

WHEREAS we the Subscribers, were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of Mr. *William Wanton*, Naval-Officer, and reported to your Honors a Balance of Fourteen Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Ten Pence, lawful Money, due from him to the Colony, for the Use of the Light-House : We do hereby certify, that we have, at the Request of Mr. *James Clarke*, Deputy Naval Officer, carefully examined the Settlement of the Accounts aforesaid, and do find, that, in the State of the Account exhibited to your Honors, that the Light-House was credited by Five Hundred and Twenty-one Coasters, at Eighteen Pence, lawful Money, each, instead of Four Hundred and Twenty-one Coasters, which is a Mistake of Seven Pounds, Ten Shillings, lawful Money, to the Prejudice of Mr. *Wanton*, and ought to be deducted from the aforesaid Balance of £. 14 14 10, lawful Money, we reported due from him.

All which is humbly submitted to your Honors, by

Job Bennet,
Pardon Tillinghast,
Metcalf Bowler.

Newport, Sept. 7, 1770.

AND the said Report being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and herereby is, accepted, and that the said Sum of Seven Pounds, Ten Shillings, lawful Money, be deducted from the Balance reported to be due to the Colony, from the said *William Wanton*.

William
Bradford al-
lowed
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WHEREAS *William Bradford*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Three Days Service, as One of the Committee, appointed to examine what Monies are due to the Colony, from particular Persons: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Bradford*, out of the General Treasury.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That there be allowed and paid, to his Honor the Governor, the Sum of Thirty Pounds, lawful Money, and to his Honor the Deputy Governor, the Sum of Fifteen Pounds, lawful Money, out of the

the General Treasury, for their Salaries, and extraordinary Services the last Year,

It is Voted and Resolved, That Metcalf Bowler, Esq; Committee to burn the Bills of Credit in the General Treasury.
George Hazard, Esq; *Mr. Edward Thurston, jun. and Job Bennet, Esq;* be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed, a Committee, to receive of the General Treasurer, and to burn, all the Bills of Public Credit, of the Old Tenor and lawful Money Bills, now in the General Treasury, which were paid in to be sunk: And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.



AN ACT to prevent Frauds in the Tare of Butter-Firkins or Tubs.

WHEREAS the Purchasers of Butter, in this Colony, by the Firkin or Tub, are often imposed upon in the Tare of the Firkins and Tubs, by their being reckoned at a less Weight than they really are : Act to prevent Frauds in the Tare of Butter Firkins or Tubs.

For Remedy whereof,

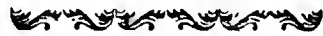
BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That each and every Cooper, or other Person, who shall make any Butter-Firkins or Tubs, or shall purchase any Butter-Firkins or Tubs, which are made out of this Colony, shall, before they expose the same to Sale, cause each Firkin and Tub to be branded or marked with the Two First Letters of his or her Name; and also with the neat Weight of said Firkin and Tub; which Brand and Weight shall be so made, as to remain and appear plainly to be seen.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, in this Colony, shall, after the First Day of May, A. D. 1771, offer for Sale, any Butter by the Firkin or Tub, without the same being First branded or marked as aforesaid, the Person or Persons, so offering such Firkins or Tubs of Butter for Sale, shall forfeit and pay, as a Fine, the Sum of Six Shillings, lawful Money, to be recovered, by Action of Debt, before any One Justice of the Peace,

Peace, in the Town where such Offence shall be committed, upon Complaint of any Person to whom such Butter shall be offered for Sale. And, upon the Facts being proved, before said Justice, the Person offering the Butter for Sale, shall pay all Costs, and the Judgment shall be final.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Person or Persons shall purchase a Firkin or Firkins, Tub or Tubs of Butter, he or they shall have Liberty, if there be any Appearance of Fraud in the Tare, marked upon the Firkins or Tubs, to cause such Firkins or Tubs to be justly weighed; and if it shall be found, that the Firkins or Tubs weigh more than shall be marked upon them, allowing Two Pounds for each Firkin or Tub, with the Butter therein, weighing under Sixty Pounds, and Three Pounds for each Firkin or Tub, with the Butter therein, weighing above Sixty Pounds, on Account of the Brine the Firkins or Tubs shall have absorbed, then for whatever such Firkins or Tubs shall weigh more than shall be marked upon them, the Seller shall return the Money to the Buyer, for as many Pounds as shall be found wanting; and upon his refusing so to do, the Buyer shall, in the Presence of One or Two Persons of good Reputation, weigh such Firkins or Tubs, and shall, within Twenty-four Hours thereafter, have his Action against the Offender, to be tried by One Justice of the Peace, in the Town where the Offence shall be committed; who shall hear the Parties, give Judgment, and award Execution, which shall be final.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Firkin or Tub shall be found to weigh more than the same shall be marked, with the aforementioned Allowance, and the Seller is obliged to make good the Deficiency, he shall be entitled to an Action against the Cooper, or other Person in this Colony, of whom he purchased such Firkin or Tub, for his Damages. And the Conviction of the Seller of the Butter, shall be sufficient Evidence against the Person of whom he shall have purchased the Firkin or Tub.



It is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to defend, in the Action brought against him by Mr. *George Scott*, at the next Superior Court of Judicature : And that the Attorney-General, and *William Brooks Simson*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed to assist the General Treasurer in defending in said Action, in the best Manner they can.

Gen. Treasurer to defend in the Action brought by *George Scott*.

WHEREAS the Deputies of the Towns of *Warren* and *Barrington* laid before this Assembly the following Agreement, entered into by the said Towns, and prayed that the same might be established and confirmed, *to wit* :

Agreement between *Warren* and *Barrington*, ascertaining their Proportion of the Taxes to be hereafter levied.

WE the Subscribers, Committee-Men for the Towns of *Warren* and *Barrington*, to consider the Estates in the said Towns, in Order to determine the Proportions of future Taxes, to be assessed upon the said Towns, by the General Assembly, having met together and examined the Estimate which hath been taken of both Towns before they were divided ; and also considered Lands owned out of the Colony, do report as follows : That when the Town of *Warren* shall pay Ten Pounds, the Town of *Barrington* shall pay Eleven Pounds, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Sum, in any future Tax, which shall be assessed upon said Towns, by the General Assembly.

Witness our Hands,

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| <i>John Brown,</i> | } Committee for |
| <i>Sylvester Child,</i> | |
| <i>Skubael Kennicut,</i> | |
| | the Town of |
| | <i>Warren.</i> |

Sept. 7, 1770.

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| <i>Josiah Humpbrey,</i> | } Committee for |
| <i>James Brown,</i> | |
| <i>Thomas Allen,</i> | |
| | the Town of |
| | <i>Barrington.</i> |

AND the said Agreement being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, approved and confirmed : And that in all future Taxes, when the Town of *Warren* shall pay Ten Pounds, the Town of *Barrington* shall pay Eleven Pounds, and in the same Proportion for any greater or less Sum.

Committee to prepare a Bill to prevent the Importation of Negroes into this Colony. *It is Voted and Resolved, That Thomas Cranston, Esq; Mr. Moses Brown, and Mr. Benjamin Man, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill to prohibit the Importation of Slaves into this Colony : And that they lay the same before this Assembly at the next Session.*



Act respecting Servants and Slaves in Newport.

AN ACT for the more effectual governing of Indian, Mulatto, and Negro Servants and Slaves, in the Town of *Newport*, and further regulating the Manumission of Slaves in said Town.

WHEREAS the Laws now in Force, in this Colony, are found insufficient to keep Indian, Mulatto, and Negro Servants and Slaves, in the Town of *Newport*, in due Order, and to prevent the said Town from being charged with the Support of such Slaves as are manumitted :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted, That the Town of Newport be, and hereby is, empowered to erect a Cage, or other convenient Place, for the Confinement of Indian, Mulatto, and Negro Servants and Slaves, who shall be found abroad after Nine of the Clock at Night, without being able to give a satisfactory Account of themselves.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Night Watchmen of the said Town of Newport shall be Keepers of such Cage, or Place of Confinement, to which they, and all other Persons, empowered to take up Servants and Slaves found abroad contrary to Law, shall commit all such Servants and Slaves, instead of committing them to Gaol ; where they shall be confined until Morning : When the Watchmen, or One of them, shall inform the Owner of such Servant or Slave thereof ; who, upon Payment of a Fine of Six Shillings, lawful Money, to the Town-Treasurer of the said Town, (taking a Certificate thereof) and One Shilling and Six Pence, lawful Money,

to the Wachmen, shall receive such Servant or Slave, without his or her being subjected to corporal Punishment ; otherwise such Servant or Slave, shall be publicly whipped Ten Stripes, and be discharged : But if the Master or Mistress shall be dissatisfied with the Conduct of the Watchmen, he or she may, by Complaint to One or more of the Town-Council of said Town, have that Matter inquired into ; and, if it shall be adjudged by One or more of the Town-Council, that the Servant was not culpable, then the Fine, paid into the Town Treasury, shall be remitted to the Master or Mistress, without any further Cost ; which Judgment shall be final.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Watchmen shall receive One Shilling, and Six Pence, lawful Money, for every such Servant or Slave they shall commit ; and the Whipper One Shilling and Six Pence, lawful Money for each he shall whip : And that if the Owner of such Servant or Slave shall refuse to pay the said Fees, then, upon Application made, any One of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Town, may and shall issue a Warrant of Distrain for the same, with further Costs. And if any Indian, Mulatto, or Negro Servant or Slave, shall be found gaming for Money, or other Thing of Value, it shall be lawful for any Inhabitant of said Town, being a Freeholder, to take from him the Money, or other Thing for which he is gaming, and to carry him to his Owner.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the real Estates of all Persons, Inhabitants of the said Town of *Newport*, who shall manumit and set free, any Indian Mulatto, or Negro Slave, whether by Will or otherwise, if of less Value than Twenty Pounds, lawful Money, per Annum, shall be liable for the Support of the Slave, so manumitted, as long as he or she shall live ; but if of a greater Value, then the Town-Council of the said Town, shall choose such Part of the real Estate, as they shall judge to be of that Value, and lodge a Certificate thereof, with the Town-Clerk of the said Town, which he shall enter upon Record. And if any Person shall decease, who hath manumitted and set free any Indian, Mulatto, or Negro Slave,

Slave, whose real Estate is not of the aforesaid Value, in that Case, no Distribution of the personal Estate of such Person shall be made, until sufficient Surety shall be given to the said Town-Council, for the Support of such Slave, but so much thereof as the Town-Council shall think necessary, shall be reserved to the Town for the Support of such Slave, until the Death of such Slave, or sufficient Security be given as aforesaid ; and shall be recovered by the Town-Treasurer of said Town, by an Action of Debt.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Estates, both real and personal, of those who have heretofore pretended to manumit and set free, any Indian, Mulatto, or Negro Slave or Slaves, without complying with the Law, in such Cases made and provided, shall be liable for the Support of the Slave or Slaves, by them so manumitted and set free in Manner as above prescribed.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person who shall manumit, or set free, any Indian, Mulatto, or Negro Slave, shall cause such Instrument of Manumission to be registered in the Town-Clerk's Office of the said Town, upon the Penalty of Six Pounds, lawful Money, to, and for, the Use of the said Town, to be recovered by the Town-Treasurer, by an Action of Debt : And such Instrument of Manumission shall be void and of no Force.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Council of the said Town of *Newport* be, and hereby are, empowered to take up, and send Home, to the Persons who pretended to manumit them, and have not complied with the Law, in such Case provided, all such Indian, Negro, and Mulatto Slaves, as they shall think proper : And if the Persons shall refuse to receive and support them, then the Town-Council may and shall set such Slaves to work, if they are able, or otherwise put them to board, and may, weekly, before One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for said Town, who is hereby empowered to try the Matter, sue for, and recover, all the Expences of supporting such Slave, together with Cost of Suit ; the Value of the labour of such Slave being first deducted,

AND

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Manumission or Instrument of Freedom, for any Indian, Mulatto, or Negro Slave, made by any Person, shall be valid, or of any Force, unless the Person so manumitting, be; at the Time of his doing the same, possessed of a real Estate of the Value abovementioned, or shall give Bond, with sufficient Sureties, to the Town-Treasurer of the said Town, to indemnify the said Town from any Charge whatever, for the Support of the Slave so manumitted ; but the same shall be void and of no Effect, and such Slave shall be and remain at the proper Charge of his Master or Mistress, any pretended Manumission notwithstanding.

PROVIDED nevertheless, And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Nothing, in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Town in the Colony, excepting the said Town of *Newport*, to which the same, and every Part thereof, is hereby confined.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Rate or Tax of Twelve Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, be assessed and levied upon the Inhabitants of the several Towns in this Colony : And that *George Hazard, Esq; Mr. Moses Brown, Gideon Hoxsie, Esq; Samuel Allen, Esq; Stephen Arnold, Esq;* and the Secretary, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for that Purpose : And that they lay the same before this Assembly, as soon as may be.

Tax ordered
of 12,000l.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Dexter, Esq; and Capt. Stephen Jenckes,* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to consider what Repairs are necessary to be made upon *Pawtucket* Bridge, the next Spring : And that they make report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to
consider what
Repairs are
necessary to
be made up-
on *Pawtucket*
Bridge, &c.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said *Stephen Jenckes* be, and he is hereby, appointed to make, in the mean Time, such Repairs as are at present necessary.

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WHEREAS

B. Brown allowed 1l. 5s. 5d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriah Brown*, jun. Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Support of *Ann Hitt*, a poor Prisoner committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Five Shillings and Five Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Beriah Brown*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

Justices of the Sup. Court to draw Money out of the G. Treasury, for the Expence of taking up Counterfeiters of Money.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, in and throughout this Colony, be, and they, or any Three of them, are hereby, empowered to draw out of the General Treasury, a Sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars, to defray the Charges of Officers, who have been, or shall be, employed in searching for, and apprehending, Persons suspected of making or uttering counterfeit Coins.

A. Holdon allowed 4l. 7s. 3d. $\frac{1}{4}$.

WHEREAS Mr. *Anthony Holdon*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Support of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit, and for repairing the said Gaol : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Four Pounds, Seven Shillings and Three Pence, One Farthing, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Anthony Holdon*, out of the General Treasury.

Hen. Rice allowed 2l. 8s.

WHEREAS *Henry Rice*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Wood, provided by him, for the Use of the Court-House in the said County, for a Journey to *Providence*, to inform his Honor the Deputy-Governor, that his Honor the Governor was absent, by Reason of Sicknes, and to request him to join this Assembly, and for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is, allowed ; and that Two Pounds, Eight Shillings, lawful

lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Henry Rice*, out of the General Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That in Case the Town of *South-Kingstown* shall and do proceed to assess their Proportion of the last Colony Tax, the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed and empowered to issue and grant a Warrant for collecting the same.

Gen. Treasurer to grant a Warrant for collecting the Rate of *S. Kingstown*, in Case it be assessed.

WHEREAS *John Arnold*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for mending the Windows of the Court-House in the County of *Kent* : And the said Account being duly Examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed, and that Five Shillings, and One Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Arnold*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Arnold allowed 5s. 31.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Spencer*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter, for washing the Court-House, providing Sand, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Nine Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Spencer*, out of the General Treasury.

T. Spencer allowed 1l. 9s.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Sweet* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Four Shillings, and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Sweet*, out of the General Treasury.

W. Sweet allowed 1l. 4s. 6d.

WHEREAS Mr. *Fones Rice* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Work by him done, and Materials provided for, repairing the Gaol in the County of *Kent* : And the said Account being

F. Rice allowed 4l. 1s. 9d.

being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Four Pounds, One Shilling and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Fones Rice*, out of the General Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to deliver to *Thomas Church*, Esq; One of the Colony Law-Books, upon Account of the Colony.

Colony Law-
Book given
to *T. Church*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to deliver, to the Town-Clerk of *Barrington*, One of the Colony Law-Books, for the Use of his Office, upon Account of the Colony.

Colony Law-
Book given
to *Barrington*.



Act assessing
a Rate of
£. 12000.

AN ACT for assessing, upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, a Rate or Tax of Twelve Thousand Pounds, lawful Money.

BE It Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is hereby Enacted, That a Rate or Tax of Twelve Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, shall be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, to be levied, collected, and paid into the General Treasury, on or before the First Day of *May* next: Six Thousand Pounds thereof to be applied for the sinking the outstanding Treasurer's Notes, given for the lawful Money Bills emitted in the Year 1760: Four Thousand Pounds for sinking the Treasurer's Notes, given for the lawful Money Bills emitted in *March* 1762, and Two Thousand Pounds to defray the exigent Charges of Government.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Collectors of the Rate or Tax, shall receive One Half Part thereof in the lawful Money Bills, emitted in the Year 1760, or the Treasurer's Notes given therefor, and One Third Part thereof in the Bills emitted in *March* 1762, or the Treasurer's Notes given for the said Bills, or in Lieu thereof Silver and Gold ; upon which
said

faid Notes and Bills Interest shall be reckoned to the faid First Day of May next.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll Tax shall be Six Pence for each and every Thousand Pounds: And that all male Persons of Twenty-one Years and upward (and none under) excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel, shall pay the Poll-Tax.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Rate or Tax shall be, and the same is hereby apportioned unto and upon the severall Towns in the following Manner, agreeable to the General Estimate, *that is to say :*

| | | | |
|-------------------|---------|----|----|
| Newport shall pay | £. 1870 | 18 | 10 |
| Providence | 713 | 9 | 0 |
| Warwick | 570 | 4 | 6 |
| Portsmouth | 554 | 6 | 8 |
| Westerly | 332 | 8 | 4 |
| New-Shoreham | 147 | 9 | 6 |
| North-Kingstown | 566 | 7 | 10 |
| South-Kingstown | 1116 | 12 | 2 |
| East-Greenwich | 287 | 0 | 8 |
| Jamestown | 241 | 14 | 10 |
| Smithfield | 584 | 4 | 2 |
| Scituate | 431 | 1 | 6 |
| Gloucester | 369 | 15 | 2 |
| Charlestown | 274 | 3 | 6 |
| West-Greenwich | 203 | 13 | 6 |
| Coventry | 271 | 12 | 4 |
| Exeter | 291 | 18 | 4 |
| Middletown | 391 | 9 | 8 |
| Bristol | 325 | 17 | 8 |
| Tiverton | 427 | 9 | 6 |
| Little-Comptor | 375 | 2 | 6 |
| Warren | 115 | 4 | 8 |
| Cumberland | 215 | 18 | 10 |
| Richmond | 210 | 10 | 10 |
| Cranston | 396 | 15 | 2 |
| Hopkinton | 281 | 8 | 6 |
| Johnston | 164 | 1 | 8 |
| North-Providence | 142 | 5 | 0 |
| Barrington | 126 | 15 | 2 |

£. 12000 0 0 *AND*

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportion of said Tax, at the Time limited for the Payment thereof, as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum they shall be deficient, until the same shall be paid; and that each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor, to the General Treasurer.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Rate-Makers shall assess and apportion the said Rate or Tax, and return a True Bill or List of the same, unto the Clerks of the Towns to which they respectively belong, within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly. And the said Town-Clerk is directed, and hereby required, to send a Copy thereof, in Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General Treasurer, who is hereby directed and required to issue his Warrant within Four Days to the several Collectors of Rates or Taxes of the respective Towns, requiring them in the King's Name, to levy, collect and pay unto the General Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise, in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting its Part of the aforesaid Rate or Tax.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That upon the Refusal or Neglect, of any Town in this Colony, to assess, levy, and pay into the General Treasury, their Proportion of the said Tax by the Time aforesaid, that the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized, empowered, and directed, to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such delinquent Town, for their Proportion or Deficiency of the said Rate or Tax, immediately after the said First Day of May next, returnable within Thirty Days. Any Law, Custom or Usage to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

AND

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this Colony be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, to sue out, and prosecute the Bond or Security that shall be by him taken from the Collector of said Rate or Tax, to a Special Inferior Court, in the County where such Bond or Security shall be so taken. And such Special Court shall be convened, have the same Power, and take the same Fees, as Special Courts have heretofore had in this Colony. And the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town Treasurer in this Colony, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Rate-Makers of his Town. And the respective Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General Treasury, before or at the Time limited in this Act.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Town-Clerks of each respective Town in this Colony be, and they are hereby, required to send the Names of the Town Treasurer and Collector of Rates of their respective Towns, to the General Treasurer at the same Time they send a Copy of the Rate-List.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in the the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and, within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County in this Colony, by him to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks of the respective Towns in the County : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the last *Tuesday* in *October*
next,

September, 1770.

next, if then called ; but if not called before, nor at that Time. then this Assembly shall be, and hereby is, dissolved.

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Colony of RHODE-ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLAN-
TATIONS, in *New-England*, in *America* ; begun and
held at *Providence*, within and for the said Colony,
on the last *Monday* in *October*, in the Year of our
LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy.
and Eleventh of the Reign of His Most Sacred Ma-
jesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD,
KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Hon. *Joseph Wanton*, Esq;
GOVERNOR

The Hon. *Darius Sessions*, Esq;
DEPUTY-GOVERNOR.

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| JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq; | | |
| JOSEPH HAZARD, Esq; | | |
| WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq; | | |

Mr. EDWARD THURSTON, *jun.* Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

Thomas Cranston, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Wanton, (*Son of* Gid.)
 George Hazard, *Esq*;
 Joseph Wanton, *jun. Esq*;
 Capt. Thomas Freebody.

PROVIDENCE :

Daniel Jenckes, *Esq*;
 Mr. Moses Brown,
 Benjamin Man, *Esq*;
 Stephen Hopkins, *Esq*.

PORTSMOUTH :

Metcalf Bowler, *Esq*.

WARWICK :

Stephen Arnold, *Esq*;
 Mr. Christopher Greene,
 Mr. Robert Rhodes.

WESTERLY :

Mr. Oliver Babcock.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. Paul Niles.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

John Northup, *Esq*.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Rowland Robinson, *Esq*;
 John Sheldon, *Esq*.

EAST-GREENWICH :

Major Preserved Pearce,
 Thomas Aldrich, *Esq*.

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. John Eldred.

SMITHFIELD :

Caleb Aldrich, *Esq*;
 Daniel Mowrey, *jun. Esq*.

SCITUATE :

Mr. William West,
 Charles Harris, *Esq*.

GLOUCESTER :

Richard Steere, *Esq*;
 Rufus Smith, *Esq*.

CHARLESTOWN :

None.

WEST-GREENWICH :

William Nichols, *Esq*;
 Mr. Thomas Gorton.

COVENTRY :

Stephen Potter, *Esq*;
 Mr. Nathaniel Greene.

EXETER :

George Peirce, *Esq*;
 Mr. Hopson Willcox.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. John Holmes.

BTISTOL :

Mr. Christopher Ellery.

TIVERTON :

None.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Philip Taylor, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Peckham.

WARREN :

Mr. Cromwel Child,
 Mr. Daniel Cole.

CUMBERLAND :

Jeremiah Whipple, *Esq*;
 John Dexter, *Esq*.

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CRANSTON :

Capt. Matthew Manchester,
 Benjamin Potter, *Esq*.

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Thomas Wells, *jun. Esq*;
 Capt. Abel Tanner.

JOHNSTON :

Col. John Waterman,
 Mr. Daniel Manton.


NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Capt. Stephen Jenckes,
 Mr. Joseph Olney.

BARRINGTON :

Josiah Humphry, *Esq*;
 Samuel Allen, *the Second, Esq*.

The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq, was chosen Speaker, and JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq, Clerk of the Lower House.


W H E R E A S some of the Assessors of the Rates in this Colony have not yet been able to return their Rate-Bills to the General Treasurer, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Time for doing the same, be lengthened Twenty Days, from and after the Rising of this Assembly.

Time for returning the Rate-Bills lengthened.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a grand Committee, chose the following Officers for the remaining Part of the present Year, *to wit* :

Henry Marchant, Esq; Attorney-General, in the Room of *Oliver Arnold*, Esq; deceased.

William Hoar, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Bristol*.

Philip Wightman, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Warwick*.

WHEREAS *Edward Thurston*, Esq; Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, in Pursuance of an Order of this Assembly, made a Report of the Names of his Deputies, and the State of the Colony's Bonds and Mortgages, &c. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; *Thomas Aldrich*, Esq; and *Thomas Cranston*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to take the same into Consideration, and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Committee to consider the Report of *E. Thurston*.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Samuel* and *William Vernon* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for a Ream of Paper to print the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly upon : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Twenty-six Pounds, Ten Shillings, Old Tenor, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Samuel* and *William Vernon*, out of the General Treasury.

S. & W. Vernon allowed £.26 10. Old Tenor.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Hiam* and *Simeon Levy* exhibited unto this Assembly and Account, by them charged against the Colony, for a Ream of Paper to print the Acts and Orders

H. & S. Levy allowed 13/6d.

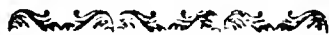
ders of the General Assembly upon : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Hiam* and *Simeon Levy*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Hopkins allowed £. 15.
J. Helme, B. Hall, M. Bowler, S. Potter, J. Honeyman, & H. Marchant £. 11 8s. each.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Fifteen Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. Eleven Pounds, Eight Shillings, lawful Money, to each of the other Justices of said Court, for their extraordinary Time and Trouble in holding said Court, in the County of *King's-County*, for the Trial of a Number of Criminals for counterfeiting Gold and Silver Coins ; that the Sum of Eleven Pounds, Eight Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed to *James Honeyman*, Esq; and also to *Henry Marchant*, Esq; for their extraordinary Time and Trouble as Attornies for the King, in the Trial of the said Criminals ; and that the said Sums be paid them out of the General Treasury.

Committee to audit divers Accounts.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Joseph Hazard*, Esq; *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esq; *Stephen Arnold*, Esq; *John Dexter*, Esq; Mr. *John Eldred*, and *Daniel Mowrey*, jun. Esq; be, and they or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the several Officers, and others employed, for their Time and Trouble in apprehending the Criminals, lately tried for counterfeiting Gold and Silver Coins : And that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.



An Act incorporating certain Persons by the Name of the Benevolent Congregational Society.

AN ACT to incorporate certain Persons by the Name of the *Benevolent Congregational Society*, in the Town of *Providence*, in this Colony.

WHEREAS divers Persons have petitioned this Assembly for an Act of Incorporation, whereby they may be enabled to promote certain Purposes set forth in their Petition, and herein after-mentioned.

THEREFORE

THEREFORE Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That Darius Sessions, Ephraim Bowen, Samuel Nighthingale, Benjamin Bowen, Jabez Bowen, Jacob Wightman, Jonathan Badger, John Foller, jun. Charles Keen, Natbaniel Greene, Eleazer Harding, Benjamin West, Amos Throope, Natbaniel Frothingham, Samuel Nighthingale, jun. Stephen Dexter, William Dexter, Elihu Robinson, Joseph Manning, Levi Hall, Natbaniel Metcalf, James Greene, Ezekiel Burr, Joshua Hacker, Nehemiah Sweet, Paul Allen, John Carpenter, Jonathan Arnold, Amos Atwell, Jonathan Russell, Jonathan Ellis, Alexander Sampson, Joseph Nighthingale, William Bowen, Henry Stirling, and Timothy Gladding, together with such others as they shall elect from Time to Time, shall be, forever hereafter, a Body Corporate and Politick, in Fact and Name, by the Name of the **BENEVOLENT CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY**, in the Town of Providence, in the Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, for the Purpose of raising a Fund, by free and voluntary Subscriptions, Contributions, Legacies and Donations, for the Support of Public Worship in the Congregational Society in the Town of Providence aforesaid, of which the Reverend David Shearman Rowland is at present Minister. And the said Benevolent Society is hereby empowered to take, receive, and hold, all and any voluntary Subscriptions, Contributions, Legacies and Donations, of any Sum or Sums of Money, or of any real or personal Estate; and also to have, possess, or acquire, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Goods and Chattels whatsoever, and the same to let, lease, grant, demise, aliene, bargain, sell, convey, and dispose of, by Deed or Deeds, under their Seal, at their own Will and Pleasure: And shall and may be Persons in Law, as a Body Corporate, to sue and be sued, to plead and to be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and be defended against, in all Courts and Places, and before all proper Judges whatsoever, in all and singular Suit and Suits, Causes and Actions of what Kind soever, in the fullest and amplest Manner. And if it shall happen, that the said Benevolent Society shall become siezed of Lands or Tenements, by Mortgage, as Security for Payment of any

Debt or Debts, or by levying Execution on Lands or Tenements, for discharging any Debt or Debts that shall be due to the said *Benevolent Society*, it shall be lawful for them, by Deed under their Seal, to sell and convey the Lands and Tenements, acquired by either of the said Two mentioned Ways.

AND BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be a Meeting of the said *Benevolent Society*, in the Town of *Providence*, on the First *Tuesday* of *August*, yearly, forever; at which Time, for the better ordering and managing the Affairs of the said *Benevolent Society*, they shall, out of their own Body Politick, by a Majority of the Members present, elect a President, a Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such other Officers as they shall judge needful.

AND Be it further Enacted, That there shall be a Quarterly Meeting of the said *Benevolent Society* at *Providence* aforesaid, forever, on the First *Tuesday* in *November*, *February* and *May*, in every Year, and oftener, as they shall think needful, when and where they shall think fit: And that all Officers, chosen as aforesaid, before they shall be qualified to act, shall be sworn to the faithful Performance of their respective Trusts.

AND Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said *Benevolent Society* shall have a common Seal, which it shall be lawful for them to alter, change, break, and make anew at Pleasure: And that the said *Benevolent Society* by the Name aforesaid, they and their Successors, shall have perpetual Succession.

AND Be it further Enacted, That the aforesaid *Darius Sessions* be the First President, the aforesaid *Ephraim Bowen* the First Vice-President, the aforesaid *Samuel Nighting* fore said *John Foster*

Foster the First Secretary of the said *Benevolent Society*, to continue in their respective Offices, until the First *Tuesday* in *August* next.

AND Be it further Enacted, That all Donations to the said *Benevolent Society*, by voluntary Subscription, Contribution, Legacy, or otherwise, (excepting such as shall be differently appropriated by the Donors) shall make a Part of, and be put into the Capital Stock or Fund of the said *Benevolent Society*, and shall be put out on Interest, on good Security, for One Year, or otherwise improved to the best Advantage. And the Income or Profits thereof shall solely be applied and appropriated to the Support of Public Worship, in the aforesaid Congregational Society, until the Interest shall exceed the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling, and then the Surplusage shall be either added to the Fund, or appropriated to such other CHARITABLE USES, as a Majority of the said *Benevolent Society* shall order and determine, at any regular, stated Meeting.

AND Be it further Enacted, That the said *Benevolent Society*, at any of their Meetings, may elect into their Body such Persons as they shall judge proper; and may appoint a Committee or Committees to prosecute the Orders of the said *Benevolent Society*, audit the Treasurer's Accounts, and prepare Matters for the Society to act upon: And that the said *Benevolent Society* shall have, and there is hereby granted unto them, at any of their stated Meetings, full Power to make such Rules, Orders, and By-Laws, and to alter the same as they shall judge needful, for the better Government of the said *Benevolent Society*; provided that such Rules, Orders and By-Laws, be not repugnant, either to the Laws of *England*, the Laws of this Colony, or the Design of their Institution.

AND Be it further Enacted, That any Seven of the Members, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary,

cretary, always to be One, being convened at any regular Meeting are hereby declared to be a Quorum of said Meeting. And to the End that the Members of the said *Benevolent Society*, and all Contributors thereto may know the State of their Stock, and the Disposition of the Profit thereof; *Be it further Enacted*, That a particular Account of such Stock and Disposition shall be exhibited by the Treasurer, at every Quarterly Meeting, and be examined by a Committee of the said *Benevolent Society*, who, upon finding it to be true, shall certify the same in Writing, under their Hands. And fair Entries shall be made, in proper Books, provided for that Purpose, of all Donations, Legacies, Subscriptions, and Contributions made to the said *Benevolent Society*, and of all Estate, both real and personal, belonging to them, and of the Income thereof; and also, of all their Transactions, either by themselves, or by their Officers or Committees, for, and on Account of, the said *Benevolent Society*. And the said Books shall be brought to every of the said Quarterly Meetings, and shall be there open for the Perusal and Examination of the Members of the said *Benevolent Society*.

AND Be it further Enacted, That if ever there shall be a less Number than Seven, belonging to the said *Benevolent Society*, then all Monies, Bonds, Mortgages, Deeds, Notes, Obligations, Books, and Papers of every Kind, together with all the Estate, both real and personal, whatsoever, at that Time belonging to the said *Benevolent Society*, shall be given up to, and the sole Property thereof be vested in the, Congregational Society aforesaid, for whose Use and Benefit the said *Benevolent Society* is instituted, to be lodged in the Hands of any One or more Persons, whom a Majority of that Society shall appoint to receive the same.

PROVIDED nevertheless, and Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Part of this Act shall be construed or understood, to grant any Power or Powers to the said *Benevolent Society*, to raise any Sum or Sums of Money, for the Purposes aforesaid, any otherwise than by free and voluntary Subscription, Contribution, Legacy, or Donation.

WHEREAS

Whereas *George Hazard*, Esq; *Mr. Edward Thurston*, jun. and *Job Bennet*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, to wit :

Report of the
Committee
who burnt
Money in the
General
Treasury.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, to be held at *Providence* on the last Wednesday in *October* Instant.

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee, at *September* Session of Assembly, to receive of the General Treasurer and burn all the Bills of public Credit, of the Old Tenor and lawful Money Bills in the General Treasury, which were paid into be sunk, do Report that we have received of *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General Treasurer, the Sum of Forty-six Thousand and Fourteen Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Seven Pence, in Bills of Credit of the Old Tenor.

Fourteen Shillings and Three Pence, lawful Money, Bills of Credit, Principal, dated *May* 8th, 1758, which, with the Sum of Three Shillings and Two Pence Farthing Interest, that had become due thereon, amounts to Seventeen Shillings and Five Pence One Farthing.

Eight Shillings and Three Pence, in like Bills, dated *December* 23d, 1758, which, with the Two Shillings and Three Farthings Interest, amounts to Ten Shillings and Three Pence Three Farthings.

One Pound Nineteen Shillings, like Bills, dated *March* 15th, 1759, which, with Nine Shillings and Nine Pence Interest, amounts to Two Pounds, Eight Shillings and Nine Pence.

Twenty Pounds Eight Shillings and Three Pence, like Bills, dated *March* 10th, 1760, which, with Thirteen Pounds, Three Shillings and Nine Pence Three Farthings Interest, amounts to Thirty-three Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Three Farthings.

Thirty-six Pounds Ten Shillings, like Bills, dated *May* 12th, 1760, which, with Twenty-three Pounds, Nine Shillings and Seven Pence Three Farthings Interest, amounts to Fifty-nine Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Seven Pence Three Farthings.

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One Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Four Pence Halfpenny, like Bills, dated *March* 20th, 1762, which, with Thirty-eight Pounds Four Shillings and Four Pence Interest, amounts to One Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds, One Shilling and Eight Pence Halfpenny.

Eighty-one Pounds, like Bills, dated *April* 10th, 1762, which, with Twenty Pounds Five Shillings Interest, amounts to One Hundred and One Pound Five Shillings.

Thirty-five Pounds Fifteen Shillings, like Bills, dated *May* 8th, 1762, which, with Eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Nine Pence Interest, amounts to Forty-four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Nine Pence.

One Hundred and Eighty-six Pounds Three Shillings and Six Pence Three Farthings, like Bills, dated *November* 1st, 1762, which with Forty-six Pounds Ten Shillings and Ten Pence Halfpenny Interest, amounts to Two Hundred and Thirty-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Five Pence Farthing.

Sixty-nine Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Ten Pence Halfpenny, like Bills, dated *March* 1st, 1766, and the Sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-six Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Five Pence, like Bills, dated *February* 28th, 1767, all of which Bills we have Burnt in consequence of said Appointment.

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| Lawful Money Bills, dated <i>May</i> 8th, 1758, Principal, £. o. 14. 3. | Interest, £. o. 3. 2½ |
| Ditto, - <i>December</i> 23d, 1758, - 8. 3. | - 2. ¾ |
| Ditto, - <i>March</i> 15th, 1759, - 1. 19. | - 9 9 |
| Ditto, - <i>March</i> 10th, 1760, - 20. 8. 3. | - 13. 3. 9½ |
| Ditto, - <i>May</i> 12th, 1760, - 36. 10. 0. | - 23. 9. 7½ |
| Ditto, - <i>March</i> 20th, 1762, - 152. 17. 4½. | - 38. 4. 4 |
| Ditto, - <i>April</i> 10th, 1762, - 81. 0. | - 20. 5. 0 |
| Ditto, - <i>May</i> 8th, 1762, - 35. 15. 0. | - 8. 18. 9. |
| Ditto, - <i>Nov.</i> 1st, 1762, - 186. 3. 6½. | - 46. 10. 10½ |
| Ditto, - <i>March</i> 1st, 1766, - 69. 14. 10½. | - |
| Ditto, - <i>February</i> 28th, 1767, - 226. 17. 5. | - |

Newport, *October* 26th, 1770.

GEORGE HAZARD,
EDW. THURSTON, junr.
JOB. BENNET. }

1770. Colony of *Rhode-Island*, &c.

Octo, 26. To our Services in performing the above Business,

George Hazard, 4 Days at 6s.

Edward Thurston, 4 Days at do.

Job Bennet, 4 Days at do.

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AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted, that the Account of the Committee be allowed, and that Three Pounds Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Hazard*, *Edward Thurston*, and *Job Bennet*, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *James Helme* and *Metcalf Bowler*, Esqrs. Two of the Justices of his Majesty's Superior Court, &c. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony for their Attendance in examining several Persons, apprehended for counterfeiting Coins current in this Colony: And the said Account being duly examined; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed, and that Nineteen Dollars be paid the said *James Helme*, and Seven Dollars the said *Metcalf Bowler*, out of the General-Treasury.

James Helme
allowed 19
Dollars and
Metcalf Bowler
7 Dollars.

WHEREAS *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esq; *Joseph Hazard*, Esq; *John Dexter*, Esq; Mr. *John Eldred*, *Stephen Arnold*, Esq; and *Daniel Mowrey*, jun. Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

Report of the
Committee
upon the Ac-
counts of di-
vers Persons
for apprehen-
ding and
examining
Persons guilt-
y of coun-
terfeiting
Coins.

“ WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by the Honourable General Assembly, to audit the Accounts of the several Officers and others employed, for their Time and Trouble in apprehending the Criminals lately tried for counterfeiting Gold and Silver Coins, do Report, that the several Persons therein employed, be allowed the Sums following, to wit:

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| To <i>George Hazard</i> , Esq; | - | - | £. 11. 8. 0 |
| To <i>Henry Ward</i> , Esq; | - | - | 5. 14. 0 |
| To <i>Martin Howard</i> , Esq; | - | - | 5. 14. 0 |
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| To Charles Bardin, Esq; | - | - | 1. | 4. | 0 |
| To John Grelea, junr. Esq; | - | - | 9. | 3. | 0 |
| To Walter Chaloner, Esq; | - | - | 10. | 12. | 5 |
| To Robert Lillibridge, jun. the Balance of his Account, | 10. | 6. | 2 | | |
| To Jonathan Jeffers, | - | - | 1. | 1. | 0 |
| To Daniel Hookey, the Balance of his Account, | - | - | 6. | 5. | 11 |
| To Anthony Holdon, | - | - | 2. | 9. | 9 |
| To Daniel Dunham, jun. | - | - | 1. | 19. | 0 |
| To Nathaniel Helme, the Balance of his Account, in which Sum is included an Allowance for aiding and taking Pollock and others, as mentioned in said Helme's Account, | - | - | 10. | 0. | 0 |
| To Beriah Brown, jun. | - | - | 6. | 0. | 0 |

WE further Report, that the several Sums taxed in the Bills of Cost, for any of the above Persons, attending as Witnesses at the Trials, be paid into the General Treasury, Henry Ward, Esq; excepted, who hath not as yet exhibited any Account for his Service at said Trials.

All which is humbly submitted, by

JOSEPH WANTON, jun.
JOSEPH HAZARD,
JOHN DEXTER,
JOHN ELDRED,
STEPHEN ARNOLD,
DANIEL MOWREY. jun.

AND the foregoing Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted, and that the several Sums therein mentioned be paid out of the General Treasury, to the said Persons respectively.

Committee to
audit the Ac-
counts of W.
Chaloner.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Samuel Dyre, Esq; Joseph Wanton, jun. Esq; and Mr. John Wanton, Son of Gideon, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to audit the Accounts of Walter Chaloner, Esq; with the Colony; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be
tained

WHEREAS the Attornies at Law have been necessarily detained upon the Business of this Assembly, and thereby the timely filing of Declarations for the next Term of the Inferior Court, for the County of *Newport*, may be prevented. *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That all Declarations to be filed for said Court, may be filed at any Time before the sitting of said Court, and Answers may be filed on the Second Day of said Term. Any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Time for filing Declarations & Answers to *Newport* Inferior Court lengthened.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Executions, which were returnable to last *October* Term of the Superior Court in the County of *Bristol*, which Court fell through by Reason of other Business, which detained the Justices of said Court, shall be returned to the said Superior Court, at their next Meeting in the County of *Newport*, on *Thursday* the 22d of this Instant *November*: That Complaints be filed, and Executions issue, as from said Term of *October*, and be returned in like Manner: And that all other Business lying before the Court, at their said Term of *October*, be continued to the next Term, in the said County of *Bristol*.

Executions returnable to *Bristol* Court which fell thro' to be returned to the Superior Court in the County of *Newport*, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*, upon the Sale of any of the Land or real Estate of *Samuel Willson*, *William Reynolds*, and *Thomas Clarke*, agreeable to their respective Sentences, passed upon them by the Superior Court of this Colony, bid upon the Sale of each Estate, for and in Behalf of the Colony, to the amount of the respective Fines and Costs, by said Sentence affixed, and upon said Estates or either of them, being struck off by such Bid, to make and execute a Deed or Deeds of Conveyance of the same, to the General Treasurer of this Colony, to and for the Use of the Colony.

Sheriff to bid for the Estates of *Willson*, *Reynolds* and *Clarke*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Honourable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; *Caleb Harris*, Esq; and *James Angell*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *Oliver Arnold*, Esq; the late Attorney-General, with the Colony, and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be,

Committee to audit the Accounts of the late *Oliver Arnold*, Esq.

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Committee
to audit the
Accounts of
the General
Treasurer.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Stephen Arnold, Esq; Daniel Mowrey, jun. Esq; Mr. Moses Brown, Mr. Edward Thurston, jun and Job Bennet, Esq; be and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer with the Colony, and to burn such Treasurer's Notes as may be in the General Treasury, and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Lott. granted
to repair
Whipple's
Bridge.

WHEREAS *Jeremiah Whipple* and *John Dexter*, Esqrs. Deputies for the Town of *Cumberland*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that the great Bridge built over *Pawtucket* River, between the Towns of *Smithfield* and *Cumberland*, called *Whipple's* Bridge, is so out of Repair, that it is almost impassable, and if not soon repaired will be entirely useless, and thereupon pray that a Lottery may be granted to raise the Sum of Four Hundred Dollars, in One or more Classes, as the Directors shall think best to be applied for repairing said great Bridge; and that *Jeremiah Whipple*, Esq; Captain *Benjamin Tower*, Mr. *David Dexter*, and Mr. *Elisha Waterman*, may be appointed Directors of said Lottery, they giving Bond according to Custom.

ON Consideration whereof, *BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted, That* the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted, provided that no Expence arises to the Colony thereby.

Lottery to
purchase a
House for
Public Wor-
ship in *Cran-*
ston.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Cranston* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that there is a considerable Number of People in that and the neighbouring Towns, who are religiously inclined, of the Sect called Baptists, whose Principles are contained in *Hebrews*, Chap. 6, and 1st and 2d Verses, who are willing to devote a Part of their Time to the public Worship of God: That there being no Meeting-House within a convenient Distance of the Place where the greatest Part of that Church or Society live; Meetings have been kept up in said Place, for upwards of Thirty Years, at private Houses, until about Two Years past, they have hired

hired a House at the Corner where Two Roads meet, near the Reverend *Elisha Greene's*, in said *Cranston*, for a Place of public Worship: That the said House and Lot is now to be Sold, and it being a very convenient and commodious Place for a Meeting-House, they are inclined to purchase it for that Purpose, for the Church that is under the Care and Direction of the said *Elisha Greene*; but that the said Society is not able to purchase the same by Subscription, and repair it: And therefore they prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery to raise the Sum of Three Hundred Dollars, to be applied towards purchasing and repairing the said House and Lot: And that Messrs. *Joseph Stone*, *Elisha Greene, jun.* *Zerobabel Westcot*, and *Nebemiah Knight*, all of *Cranston* aforesaid, may be appointed Directors or Managers of said Lottery.

ON Consideration whereof, *BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted*, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be and the same is hereby granted. That the Directors give Bond to the General Treasurer, and be engaged for the faithful Performance of their Trust; and that the said Lottery be divided into such and so many Classes as they shall think proper.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *William Bradford, Esq;* be, and he is hereby added to *William Brooks Simson*, already appointed to defend the Suit commenced by Mr. *George Scott* against the Colony.

W. Bradford appointed to defend the Colony against *Geo. Scott*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *George Taylor, Esq;* be and he is hereby appointed and fully empowered, to sell to the best Advantage, for the Use of the Colony, the Land recovered by the Colony from *Nathaniel Elliotborpe*: And that *Edward Thurston, Esq;* Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, (after he shall have received a Deed from the Sheriff) give a Deed to the Purchaser thereof.

G. Taylor appointed to sell Land belonging to the Colony.

It is Voted and Resolved, That a proper Person be appointed in each of the Counties of *Providence*, *King's-County*, *Bristol*, and *Kent*, who shall be fully empowered to receive, and put in Suit, all the Colony's Bonds and Mortgages, that concern the Loan Money, in each of said Counties;

Persons appointed in each County to sue the Colony's Bonds and Mortgages. &c.

ties : That the said Persons be directed to use every lawful Method in their Power to bring the Affairs of the Loan Money to a final Conclusion, in the most expeditious Manner : That, for that Purpose, the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office forthwith deliver to the Person so appointed for each County, all such Bonds, Mortgages, Papers, and other Documents, as any Way concern the Loan Money, in such County, in whose Hands lodged ; and that the Persons so appointed, in each County, be fully empowered to discharge and deliver up all such Mortgages as are fully paid.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That in all Cases where Executions have been served on Lands, and such Lands are not Sold, the Sheriff of each County be directed, and is hereby fully empowered to sell the same, as soon as may be : And that in the Sale of all Estates mortgaged to the Colony as aforesaid, the Sheriff bid upon Account of the Colony, to the Amount of the Sum due, with all Costs.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That *George Taylor, Esq;* be appointed for the County of *Providence*, *Stephen Hassard, Esq;* for the County of *King's-County*, *Josiah Finney, Esq;* for the County of *Bristol*, and *Thomas Aldrich, Esq;* for the County of *Kent*, for the Purposes in this Act mentioned : That the above-mentioned Persons give public Notice throughout each of their respective Counties, of the passing of this Act ; and that all the Bonds and Mortgages, which are not immediately paid, be put in Suit to the next respective Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, in the several Counties.

Committee
to audit the
Accounts of
B. Brown.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Captain *Stephen Jenckes*, *John Dexter, Esq;* and *Stephen Arnold, Esq;* be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to audit the Account of *Beriah Brown, Esq;* Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*, for repairing two Rooms in the Gaol, in said County, and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Geo. Lawton
allowed £.15
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WHEREAS Mr. *George Lawton*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly

Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony, for the Support of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit; and the said Account being duly examined, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed, and that Fitteen Pounds, Nine Shillings and Eleven Pence Three Farthings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Lawton*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS this Assembly is informed, that his Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *King's-County*, was in the Night of the third Day of this Instant, *November*, broke open by a Number of People in Disguise, and several of the Prisoners, *to wit*, *William Reynolds*, *Thomas Clarke*, *Elisba Reynolds*, and *Samuel Casey*, (the said *Casey* being under Sentence of Death) were set at Liberty; *IT is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to issue a Proclamation immediately for apprehending the Perpetrators of that atrocious Crime, and therein promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds, lawful Money, and an Indemnification to any Person or Persons who shall discover any one or more of the Persons who were aiding or assisting in breaking open said Gaol (excepting those already discovered) so that such Person or Persons be convicted; and also Fifty Pounds, lawful Money, to any Person or Persons, who shall apprehend and bring the said *Samuel Casey* before legal Authority, in this Colony, so that he may be committed.

Governor requested to issue a Proclamation for apprehending the Persons who broke open the Gaol in *K. County*.

AND It is further Voted and Resolved, That any and all such Persons as may be apprehended, as also such of said Criminals as have made their Escape, shall be committed to his Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *Newport*, until further Orders of the Superior Court of this Colony: And that the Justices of said Court be, and they are hereby, empowered to meet in the County of *King's-County*, on the first Monday in *December* next, and to proceed to the Trials of any Persons apprehended for any Crimes committed within the same County, and to order the Sheriff, by Writ of *Venire Facias*, to summon a sufficient Number of good and sufficient Men, within the same County, for Grand and Petit Jurors, for the Presentment of Bills against, and Trials of

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such

such Criminals. And any one of the said Justices is hereby empowered to adjourn said Court from Time to Time, that so the same may be kept alive, so long as the said Justices may apprehend to be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid. And upon Conviction of any such Persons, the said Court is hereby empowered to proceed to Sentence, and to order, if they think necessary, any Person, so convicted, to stand committed to his Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *Newport*, until Sentence shall be performed.

Wil. Pearce,
allowed
£. 0. 12. 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Pearce* exhibited to this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire, and Expences, in going to *Barrington*, to warn the Deputies to attend upon this Assembly at the present Session: And the said Account being duly examined; *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed, and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Pearce*, out of the General Treasury.

£. 7. 16. 0.
paid to the
Assignees of
the Widow
of *Ebenezer*
Jenckes.

WHEREAS it appears unto this Assembly, that the Sum of Seven Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, is due from the Colony, to the Estate of Captain *Ebenezer Jenckes*, who died in the Service of the Colony, in the Year 1758; *IT is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sum be paid out of the General Treasury, to the Commissioners or Assignees of the late Widow of the said *Ebenezer Jenckes*.

Gen. Treas-
urer to deli-
ver *A. Wil-*
cox's Note to
P. Phillips.

WHEREAS Nine Pounds, Ten Shillings and Eight Pence, lawful Money, of the Sum for which *Abraham Wilcox* gave his Note to the Colony, is due to *Peter Phillips*, Esq; and other Officers, *IT is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General Treasurer deliver up the said Note to the said *Peter Phillips*, to be put in Suit without any Charge to the Colony, and upon Condition that when he shall recover and receive the Money due thereon, he shall pay the Balance of said Note into the General Treasury.

D. Wilkinson
allowed
£. 2. 8. 0.

WHEREAS *David Wilkinson*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony

ny, for Subsistence for a Party of his Majesty's Troops who were marching through *Providence*, the last Summer : And the said Account being duly examined ; *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed, and that Two Pounds, Eight Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *David Wilkinson*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Messrs. *John Comstock*, *John Olney* and *Gideon Olney*, the Assessors of Rates, for the Town of *North-Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for assessing the Colony Rates, upon the Inhabitants of said Town, pursuant to an Act passed in *February*, 1769 : And the said Account being duly examined, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that one Pound, Nine Shillings and Three Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Comstock*, *Joseph Olney*, and *Gideon Olney*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Comstock,
J. Olney and
G. Olney, al-
lowed
£. 1. 9. 3½

WHEREAS Mr. *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing several Acts of Assembly in the *Providence Gazette*, and for printing 200 Proclamations : And the said Account being duly examined, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Three Pounds, Six Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Carter*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Carter al-
lowed
£. 3. 6. 0

IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to send Home all the Acts of the General Assembly, that have not yet been sent, agreeable to his Majesty's Requisition, signified to the Colony by a Letter from the Right Honorable the Earl *Hillsborough*.

The Gov. re-
quested to
send home
the Acts of
Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Town of *Providence* be, and they are hereby empowered, and directed to tax the several Owners or Possessors of the Lands, Westward of the Eastern Banks of the River or Bay, from the Boundary of the Colony, on *Bullocks Neck*, Northward,

Certain Es-
tates to be
taxed for
supporting
Pawtucket
Bridge.

to

to the Line of *North-Providence*, and that in Default of Payment of such Tax, so assessed, the Salt Grass Sedge or Thatch growing thereon be annually Sold for the Payment thereof.

It is also Resolved, That the Town of *North-Providence* tax the Owners or Possessors of the Lands, Tenements and other Estate, lying Westward of the Colony's Boundary, near the East Butment of *Pawtucket* Bridge, and from thence Southerly as far as the Range of the North Line of *Providence*. And that the Assessors and Collectors have the same Power over such Estates, as they have over the Estates on the West Side of *Seaconk* River; the said Eastern Shore being clearly comprehended within the Charter of this Colony.

AND It is further Voted and Resolved, That the Monies arising from the Estates, herein ordered to be taxed, be lodged in the General Treasury, to be applied towards keeping up and supporting *Pawtucket* Bridge.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed towards repairing the great Bridge, called and known by the Name of *Pawtucket* Bridge; and that the same be paid out of the General Treasury, to Messrs. *Stephen Jenckes* and *John Dexter*, for the Purpose aforesaid.

£. 30. 0. 0.
allowed for
repairing
Pawtucket
Bridge.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition for dividing the Town of *Westerly* be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session; and that the said Town be served with a Copy thereof, and cited to appear at next Session, to answer the same.

Petition for
dividing
Westerly re-
ferred.

WHEREAS Paul Tew, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Service in taking up and committing several Persons, summoning Evidences, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Four Pounds, Eight Shillings and Ten Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Paul Tew*, out of the General Treasury.

Paul Tew al-
lowed
£. 4. 8. 10.

WHEREAS

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WHEREAS Capt. *Stephen Jenckes*, *John Dexter*, Esq; and *Stephen Arnold*, Esq; who were appointed a Committee to audit the Account of *Beriab Brown*, Esq; for repairing Two Rooms in the Gaol in the County of *King's-County*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit: Report of the Com. upon B. Brown's Account, who is allowed £. 23. 7. 8.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to audit the Account of *Beriab Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*, do report that the Sum of Twenty-three Pounds, Seven Shillings and Two Pence, of said Account, be allowed to him.

Which is humbly submitted by
Stephen Jenckes,
John Dexter,
Stephen Arnold.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Twenty-three Pounds, Seven Shillings and Two Pence, lawful Money, being the Sum therein mentioned, be paid to the said *Beriab Brown*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS this Assembly, at their Session in *October*, 1767, passed an Act, appointing *Matthew Robinson*, Esq; to draw a Deed, to be executed by *Thomas Ninigret*, late Sachem of the *Narragansett* Tribe of Indians in this Colony, and Five of his Council, to the Secretary, of an Island in *Charlestown*, for the Use of a School for the said Tribe of Indians, and to see the same executed, &c. as by the said Act will appear: And whereas the said *Thomas Ninigret* hath since deceased, without having executed the said Deed; *IT is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Act be revived, and that either the present Queen of said Tribe, with Five of her Council, be, and they are hereby fully empowered, to make, execute and give such a Deed, as in the said Act is mentioned. *Matthew Robinson* to take a Deed of Land for a School for the Indians.

WHEREAS Mr. *Noah Mason* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the subsistence of a Party of his Majesty's Troops passing *Noah Mason* allowed £. 1. 10. 0

sing through *Providence*, in *April* last: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound, Ten Shillings, lawful Money, thereof, be allowed and paid the said *Noah Mafon*, out of the General Treasury,

Thomas George
added to the
Com. for re-
pairing the
Wharf at
Goat-Island.

It is Voted and Resolved, that Capt. *Thomas George* be, and he is hereby added to the Committee for repairing the Wharf at *Goat-Island*

Na. Helme
allowed
£. 3. 9. 9.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Helme* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for building a Pillory in the County of *King's-County*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed; and that Three Pounds, Nine Shillings and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Nathaniel Helme*, out of the General Treasury.

N. Mafon
allowed
£. 0. 12. 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *Noah Mafon* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Use made of his House by several Committees appointed by the General Assembly: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Twelve Shillings, lawful Money thereof, be allowed and paid the said *Noah Mafon*, out of the General-Treasury.

J. Angell
allowed
£. 6. 12. 0.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Six Pounds, Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid to *James Angell*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, upon his withdrawing the Action by him brought against the Colony, it being the Sum due to him for re-examining the General Estimate.

Com. to take
Possession of
S. Wilson's
Estate, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *James Helme*, *Rowland Robinson*, and *Beriah Brown*, Esqrs. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, and empowered to take into their Possession, in Behalf of the Colony, all the Estate, both Real and Personal, of *Samuel Wilson*, of *South-Kingstown*: That therefore the said *Samuel Willson* be released from Gaol: And that the same Committee take the Possession of *Samuel Casey's* Screws.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *William Compton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed; and that One Pound, Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Compton*, out of the General Treasury.

W. Compton
allowed
£. 1. 18. 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Branch* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, for cleaning the Court-House, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that One Pound, Nineteen Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel Branch*, out of the General Treasury.

D. Branch
allowed
£. 1. 19. 6.

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Gorham* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, that the same be and hereby is allowed; and that One Pound, Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Gorham*, out of the General Treasury.

B. Gorham
allowed
£. 1. 16. 6.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be transmitted to the Town-Clerk of each Town belonging to the County: And that this Assembly be, and hereby is adjourned to the last Monday in *April* next, if then called; but if not called before nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby

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hereby is dissolved: *And it is further Voted and Resolved,*
That if this Assembly be called before the First Day of
February next, that the Session shall be held in the County
of *Providence*, but if called after the said First Day of *Fe-*
bruary, then it shall be held in the County of *Kent*.

G O D save the K I N G.

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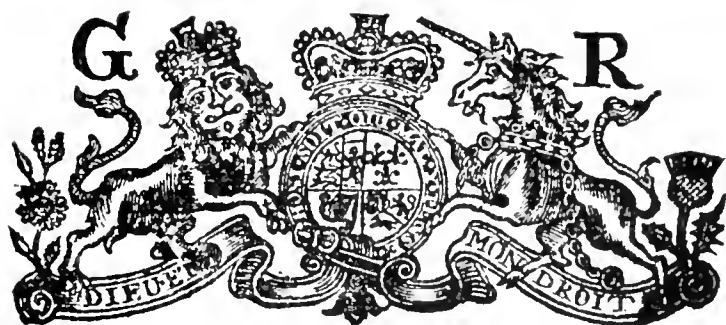
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May, 1771.

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in America*; begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the said Colony, on the First Wednesday in *May*, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one, and Eleventh of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE the Third*, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T.

The Hon. Joseph Wanton, Esq; Governor.

The Hon. DARIUS SESSIONS, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

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| SAMUEL DYRE, Esq; | } | Assistants. |
| SOLOMON DROWN, Esq; | | |
| DAVID HARRIS, Esq; | | |
| THOMAS WICKES, Esq; | | |
| JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq; | | |
| JOHN CONGDON, Esq; | | |
| JOSEPH HAZARD, Esq; | | |
| WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq; | | |

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

Thomas Cranston, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Wanton, (*Son of* Gid.)
 George Hazard, *Esq*;
 Joseph Wanton, *jun. Esq*;
 Capt. William Read,
 Mr. Thomas Freebody.

PROVIDENCE :

Daniel Jenckes, *Esq*;
 Mr. Moses Brown,
 Mr. Benjamin Man,
 Stephen Hopkins, *Esq*.

PORTSMOUTH :

Metcalf Bowler, *Esq*.
 John Almy, *Esq*;
 Jonathan Freeborn, *Esq*;
 Mr. Thomas Brownell.

WARWICK :

Mr. Benjamin Greene,
 James Arnold, *Esq*;
 Mr. Jacob Greene,
 Mr. Christopher Greene,

WESTERLY :

Mr. James Rhodes,
 Mr. Phinehas Clark.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Mr. Ezekiel Gardner,
 John Northup, *Esq*.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

William Potter, *Esq*;
 Rowland Robinson, *Esq*.

EAST-GREENWICH :

Sylvester Sweet, *Esq*;
 Mr. Joseph Fry.

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. George Tew,
 Mr. John Gardner.

SMITHFIELD :

Caleb Aldrich, *Esq*;
 Daniel Mowry, *jun. Esq*.

SCITUATE :

Mr. William West,
 Charles Harris, *Esq*.

GLOUCESTER :

Timothy Wilmarth, *Esq*;
 Zebedee Hopkins, *jun. Esq*.

The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, *Esq*, was chosen Speaker, and JOSIAS

LYNDON, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower House.

CHARLESTOWN :

John Congdon, *Esq*,
 Sylvester Robinson, *Esq*;

WEST-GREENWICH :

William Nichols, *Esq*;
 Samuel Hopkins, *jun. Esq*;

COVENTRY :

Mr. Nathaniel Greene, *jun*.
 Mr. Ichabod Borden.

EXETER :

George Peirce, *Esq*;
 Hopson Wilcox, *Esq*.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Thomas Coggeshall,
 Mr. John Holmes.

BRISTOL :

Mr. Christopher Ellery,
 William Pearce, *Esq*.

TIVERTON :

Edward Gray, *Esq*;
 Mr. Oliver Cook.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. Philip Taylor,
 Mr. John Peckham.

WARREN :

Mr. Cromel Child,
 Mr. Daniel Cole.

CUMBERLAND :

Jeremiah Whipple, *Esq*;
 John Dexter, *Esq*.

RICHMOND :

Mr. Stephen Hoxsie,
 Edward Perry, *Esq*.

CRANSTON :

James Harris, *Esq*;
 Gideon Comstock, *Esq*,

HOPKINTON :

Thomas Wells, *jun. Esq*;
 Capt. Abel Tanner.

JOHNSTON :

John Waterman, *Esq*;
 Mr. Daniel Manton.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Capt. Efeck Hopkins,
 Thomas Whipple, *Esq*,

BARRINGTON :

Josiah Humphry, *Esq*;
 Samuel Allen, *the Second, Esq*.

THIS being the anniversary Election of Officers, both Civil and Military, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List, were chosen to serve the Colony in the Offices ascribed to their respective Names, to wit.

The Hon. JOSEPH WANTON, Esq; Governor. Engaged.

The Hon. DARIUS SESSIONS, Esq; Dep. Gov. Engaged.

Nicholas Easton, Esq; First Assistant.

Samuel Dyre, Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.

Solomon Drown, Esq; Third Assistant. Engaged.

David Harris, Esq; Fourth Assistant. Engaged.

Weston Hicks, Esq; Fifth Assistant.

Thomas Wickes, Esq; Sixth Assistant. Engaged.

Jonathan Randall, Esq; Seventh Assistant. Engaged.

John Congdon, Esq; Eighth Assistant. Engaged.

Joseph Hazard, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.

William Richmond, Esq; Tenth Assistant. Engaged.

Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.

Henry Marchant, Esq; Attorney General. Engaged.

Joseph Clarke, Esq; General Treasurer. Engaged.

John Almy, Esq; Fifth Assistant for the Colony, in the Room of Weston Hicks, Esq; who refused.

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| Stephen Hopkins, Esq; | Chief | Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and Gen. Gaol Delivery, in and throughout the Colony. |
| James Helme, Esq; | Second | |
| Benoni Hall, Esq; | Third | |
| Metcalf Bowler, Esq; | Fourth | |
| Stephen Potter, Esq; | Fifth | |

Daniel Dunham, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.

Knight Dexter, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence,

John Crandall, Esq, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of King's-County.

Simeon Potter, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Bristol.

John Waterman, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

Isaac Dayton, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.

Abraham Winsor, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

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Moses Barber, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

Nathaniel Martin, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

Aaron Bowen, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

John Forrester, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Chad Brown, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*,

John Allen, Esq; (Son of *Jonatban*) Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

Thomas Gray, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

Benjamin Vaughan, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

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| <i>George Hazard</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Newport</i> . |
| <i>Jonathan Freeborn</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>William Stoddard</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Thomas Church</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Benja. Underwood</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Daniel Jenckes</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Providence</i> . |
| <i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Job Randall</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Jeremiab Whipple</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Caleb Aldrich</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>William Potter</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>King's-County</i> . |
| <i>John Rose</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Simeon Perry</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Sylvester Robinson</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>John Northup</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Nathaniel Fales</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Bristol</i> . |
| <i>William Munro</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>James Brown</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Hezekiah Usher</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Josiah Humpkry</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Philip Greene</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kent</i> , |
| <i>Thomas Aldrich</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Stephen Arnold</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>William Nichols</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>John Warner</i> , jun. Esq; | Fifth | |

John

John Grelea, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Arthur Fenner, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Daniel Rodman, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *King's-County*.

Jonathan Ruffell, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Hopkins Cooke, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Caleb Harris, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Stephen Haszard, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *King's-County*.

Thomas Throope, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Daniel Howland, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Walter Chalonier, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

Paul Tew, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*.

John Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

Henry Rice, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*.

Edward Thurston, *John Jepson*, *Samuel Chace*, *James Arnold*, and *Nicholas Easton*, Esqrs. the Grand Committee or Colony's Trustees for signing Bills of Public Credit.

And the aforefaid *Edward Thurston* is chosen, and especially appointed to take and have the Care and Charge of

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the Colony's Mortgages and Bonds, for Tenths, and to receive the Money due and to be due thereon, and also to make proper Acquittances and Discharges upon the Mortgages or otherwise, when he receives any of the Colony's Money: And in Case of Non-Payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all such as refuse or neglect to make due Payment.

And the same *Edward Thurlston* is chosen General Sealer of Weights and Measures, throughout the Colony.

Henry Paget, Esq; Publick Notary, for the Town and County of *Providence*.

JUSTICES of the PEACE in the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

Martin Howard,
Charles Bardin,
Henry Ward,
Barnabas Hargill,
Samuel Bours,
John Goddard, *jun.*
John Grelea, *jun.*
John Davis,
Jonathan Easton,
James Milward,
Daniel Dunham,
Jonathan Rogers,
John Pitnan,
James Tew, *jun.*
James Carpenter,
Thomas Hamand,
James Clarke, *Esqrs.*

PROVIDENCE :

Samuel Chace,
Amos Atwell,
John Foster,
David Wilkinson,
Joseph Nash,
Stephen Rawson,
Jabez Bowen, *Esqrs.*

PORTSMOUTH :

John Shearman,

Robert Dennis,
Thomas Shearman, *Esqrs.*

WARWICK :

Ebenezer Slocum,
John Greene,
Thomas Rice,
Silas Clap,
Robert Rhodes,
Silas Casey, *Esqrs.*

WESTERLY :

Joseph Crandall,
Oliver Craey,
William Babcock,
Joseph Noyes,
Humphry Taylor,
John Burdick, (*the second*)
(*Esqrs.*)

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

George Northup,
William Hammond,
Thomas Allen, *jun.*
George Thomas, (*Son of*
Samuel)

Benjamin Jefferson,
Eber Shearman,
Caleb Hill,
Robert Hall, (*Son of Wil-*
liam) *Esqrs.*
SOUTH-

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Freeman Perry,
Samuel Rodman,
Ray Sands,
Adam Gould, *Esqrs.*

EAST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Shippey,
Sylvester Sweet,
Thomas Casey,
Hopkins Cooke,
Alexander Nichols, *Esqrs.*

SMITHFIELD :

Deniel Mowry, *jun.*
Stephen Arnold,
Daniel Smith, (*Son of Elifha*)
John Farnum,
Welcome Arnold, *Esqrs.*

SCITUATE :

Gideon Harris,
John Fisk,
Jeremiah Angell,
Oliver Westcot,
Ezekiel Cornell,
Thomas Brown,
Thomas Hill,
Daniel Hopkins,
Josiah Colvin, *Esqrs.*

GLOUCESTER :

Andrew Brown,
Timothy Wilmarth,
Silas Williams,
Jonathan Harris,
Israel Arnold,
Zebedee Hopkins, *jun.*
Moses Cooper,
Caleb Arnold, *Esqrs.*

CHARLESTOWN :

Peleg Crofs,
Job Taylor,
Stanton Yorke,
James Kinyon,

Samuel Crofs,
Benjamin Hoxfie, *jun. Esqrs.*

WEST-GREENWICH :

Judiah Aylworth,
Philip Greene,
Gideon Tripp,
Samuel Hopkins, *jun.*
Thomas Tillinghast,
George Dyre,
Nicholas Whitford, *Esqrs.*

COVENTRY :

John Rice,
Samuel Wall,
Joseph Whipple, *Esqrs.*

EXETER :

George Pierce,
Hopson Wilcox,
Jeffery Wilcox,
Gideon Mosher,
Joseph Arnold,
Robert Crandall,
William Sweet, *Esqrs.*

MIDDLETOWN :

Joseph Peabody,
John Barker, *Esqrs.*

BRISTOL :

William Hoar, *Esq.*

TIVERTON :

Restcome Sanford,
John Bowen,
Walter Cooke,
Benjamin Hambly,
Joseph Tabor, *jun. Esqrs.*

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Israel Stoddard,
Aaron Wilbur,
Philip Taylor,

John Peckham, *Esqr.*

WARREN :

John Kinnicut,
William Turner Miller,
Esqrs.

CUMBER-

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| CUMBERLAND : John Dexter, Joseph Brown, Peter Darling, Nathaniel Shepherdson, <i>Esqrs.</i> | HOPKINTON : John Maxson, <i>jun.</i> Thomas Wells, <i>jun.</i> Nathan Burdick, John Tanner, <i>jun.</i> David Randall, <i>Esqrs.</i> |
| RICHMOND : Edward Perry, George Webb, Thomas Kinyon, Robert Stanton, Benjamin Tefft, Barnabas Hoxsie, <i>Esqrs.</i> | JOHNSTON : Abraham Belknap, Noah Matthewson, Josiah King, Peleg Williams, Andrew Harris, <i>Esqrs.</i> |
| CRANSTON : William Burton, Thomas Potter, (<i>Son of John</i>) Benjamin Carpenter, William Dexter, James Harris, <i>Esqrs.</i> | NORTH-PROVIDENCE : Edward Tripp, Isaiah Hawkins, Thomas Whipple, Jonathan Jenckes, <i>jun. Esqrs.</i> BARRINGTON : Samuel Allen, (<i>the Second</i>) Moses Tyler, <i>Esqrs.</i> |

Thomas George, Captain of Fort George.

Committee to prepare a Bill for appointing *H. Marchant*, joint Agent with *J. Sherwood*. Whereas *Henry Marchant, Esq;* designs in a short Time to proceed to London. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins, Esq;* *George Hazard, Esq;* and *William Potter, Esq;* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to prepare a Bill, requesting and fully empowering him to join with *Joseph Sherwood, Esq;* our present Agent, in applying for the Money due from the Crown to this Colony, and in every other Affair that may concern the Colony, during his Residence in *Great-Britain* : And that they lay the same before this Assembly as soon as may be.

George Lawton allowed £. 12. 8. 4. WHEREAS Mr. *George Lawton*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Prison Fees and Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit ; which Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same

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same be and hereby is allowed, and that Twelve Pounds, Eight Shillings and Four Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Lawton*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *Daniel Mowry*, jun. Esq; *Mr. Moses Brown*, *Mr. Edward Thurlston*, jun, and *Job Bennet*, Esq; who were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer, &c. presented unto this Assembly, a State of his Accounts, together with their Report thereon, and also an Account by them charged against the Colony, as follows, *to wit* :

Report of the
Com. who au-
dited the G.
Treasurer's
Accounts, &
they allowed
£. 5. 14.

Dr. Account Current. The Colony of *Rhode-Island*, &c. with *Joseph Clarke*, General Treasurer of said Colony.
Lawful Money. Old Tenor.

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| To Cash paid Orders for Wages, &c. of the Gunner and Soldiers at Fort <i>George</i> , since last Audit, | - | - | £. 73 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| To the Amount of Charges against the Co- lony, contained in the Treasurer's Ac- count, kept in Alphabetical Order, | £. 270 | 6 | 7½ | 2695 | 18 | 11 |
| To the Amount of old Tenor Bonds paid in full, | - | - | - | 142 | 53 | 4 3 |
| To Cash paid <i>Daniel Weeden</i> , in Part of his Bond, <i>Jan.</i> 18, 1771, | - | - | - | 800 | 0 | 0 |
| To ditto paid <i>George Tew</i> , in Part of his ditto, <i>Feb.</i> 21, 1771, | - | - | - | 347 | 0 | 0 |
| To the Amount of petty Charges, since the last Audit, | - | - | - | 125 | 0 | 0 |
| To Treasurer's Notes redeemed by Taxes, which were delivered the Committee, and were by them burnt, <i>to wit</i> : | | | | | | |
| 35 Notes, dated <i>March</i> 11, 1765, | | | | | | |
| Principal, £. 496 | 10 | 3½ | | | | |
| Interest, | 140 | 10 | 0½ | | | |
| 32 ditto dated <i>March</i> 11, 1767, | | | | | | |
| Principal, £. 1121 | 7 | 6½ | | | | |
| Interest, | 209 | 17 | 2½ | | | |
| 49 ditto, dated <i>May</i> 13, 1765, | | | | | | |
| Principal, £. 348 | 11 | 4 | | | | |
| Interest, | 98 | 0 | 2½ | | | |
| 25 ditto, dated <i>May</i> 13, 1767, | | | | | | |
| Principal, £. 902 | 0 | 0½ | | | | |
| Interest, | 151 | 12 | 6 | | | |
| C | | | £3468 | 9 | 1½ | To |

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Lawful Money. Old Tenor.

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| To lawful Money Bills, Interest included, delivered a Committee, <i>October</i> 13, 1769, which they burnt, - | £. 12792 17 9½ | |
| To Crown Point Bills, delivered ditto, which they burnt at the same Time, £. 119 6 0, equal to - | 8 18 11½ | |
| To Old Tenor Bills delivered a Commit- tee, <i>March</i> 29, 1770, which they burnt, - | - | £. 38382 11 5 |
| To lawful Money ditto, delivered do. with Interest included, which they also burnt, agreeable to their Report <i>May</i> 1770, 2460 18 2 | | |
| To Treasurer's Notes, which have been redeemed by Cash, and were burnt by the Committee, <i>to wit</i> : 5 Notes dated <i>March</i> 20, 1767, Principal, £. 27 13 1½ Interest, 5 7 1½ 1 ditto, <i>April</i> 10, 1767, Principal, 2 10 0 Interest, 0 9 5½ | | |
| | 35 19 8½ | |
| To Old Tenor Bills delivered a Commit- tee, <i>October</i> 26, 1770, which they burnt, - | - | 46014 17 7 |
| To lawful Money ditto, delivered ditto, Interest included, which they also burnt agreeable to their Report, <i>Octo.</i> 1770, 963 15 4½ | | |
| To 134 Notes dated <i>March</i> 11, 1765, which were redeemed by issuing other Notes in Lieu of them, as per Contra, and burnt by the Committee, 3759 16 2½ | | |
| To 101 ditto, dated <i>May</i> 13, 1765, which were redeemed by issuing other Notes in Lieu of them, as per Contra, and were burnt by the Committee, 2319 9 2½ | | |
| To my Salary as Treasurer, for Two Years, from <i>May</i> 1768, to <i>May</i> 1770, at £. 38 0 0 per Annum, - | 76 0 0 | |
| Balance due to the Colony, 14830 4 3½ | | 15734 2 8½ |
| | £. 43422 15 5 | £. 125670 14 10½ |

Creditor,

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| Creditor, | Lawful Money. | Old Tenor. |
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| By Balance due to the Colony, per Audit, <i>February 23d</i> , 1769, | £. 4476 5 7½ | £. 29452 14 10½ |
| By the Amount of a Tax made by Order of Assembly, <i>February</i> , 1769, | 6000 0 0 | 93687 15 2 |
| By Cash received of several Towns, for Interest due upon Tax, made <i>December</i> , 1766, since last Audit, | 95 2 6 | 484 16 2½ |
| By ditto received of ditto, for ditto, due upon Tax, made <i>February</i> , 1769, | 42 11 0½ | 1871 4 7 |
| By the Amount of a Note given by <i>Abraham Wilcox</i> , payable on Demand, with Interest until paid, | 16 4 4 | |
| By the Amount of a Tax made by Order of Assembly, <i>September</i> , 1770, | 12000 0 0 | |
| By Cash hired of sundry Persons since last Audit, to wit : | | |
| <i>Daniel Weeden</i> | £. 129 0 0 | |
| <i>Job Bennet</i> | 24 0 0 | |
| <i>Moses Brown</i> , (Two Notes) | 130 0 0 | |
| <i>Daniel Lawton</i> , | 339 19 5 | |
| <i>Brenton Perkins</i> , | 71 8 0 | |
| By ditto received of <i>Jonathan Willson</i> , late Naval-Officer, the Balance of his Account, | 93 7 11 | |
| By ditto of <i>Joseph Crandall</i> , a Fine from <i>Oliver Gavet</i> , | 0 6 0 | |
| By the Amount of Law-Books and Indexes fold since last Audit, | | 174 4 0 |
| By Treasurer's Notes issued since last Audit, for exchanging lawful Money Bills, dated <i>March 10</i> , 1760, Seven Years Interest included, | 615 1 2½ | |
| By ditto issued for redeeming Treasurer's Notes, dated <i>March 11</i> , 1765, Interest included, | 3759 16 2½ | |
| By 7 ditto issued for exchanging lawful Money Bills, dated <i>May 12</i> , 1760, Seven Years Interest included, | 340, 19 11½ | |
| By 81 ditto, issued for redeeming Treasurer's Notes, dated <i>May 13</i> , 1765, Interest included, | 2319 9 2½ | |
| By 635 ditto, dated <i>March 20</i> , 1767, issued for redeeming lawful Money Bills, dated <i>March 20</i> , 1762, Interest included, | 4674, 9 6 | |

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| | Lawful Money. | Old Tenor. |
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| By 358 ditto, dated <i>April</i> 10, 1767, issued for redeeming lawful Money Bills, dated <i>April</i> 10, 1762, Interest included, - - - | £. 1737 14 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| By 343 ditto, dated <i>May</i> 8, 1767, issued for redeeming lawful Money Bills, dated <i>May</i> 8, 1762, Interest included, - - - | 1728 10 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| By 597 ditto, dated <i>November</i> 1, 1767, issued for redeeming lawful Money Bills, dated <i>November</i> 1, 1762, Interest included - - - | 3392 6 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| By 152 ditto, dated <i>March</i> 1, 1768, issued for redeeming lawful Money Bills, dated <i>March</i> 1, 1766, - - - | 378 15 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| By 159 ditto, dated <i>February</i> 28, 1769, for redeeming lawful Money Bills, dated <i>February</i> 28, 1767, - - - | 1057 8 5 | |
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| | £. 43422 15 5 | £. 125670 14 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
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WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer, and burn such Treasurer's Notes as might be in the Treasury, do report, That we have burnt Three Hundred and Eighty-two Treasurer's Notes, amounting, (Interest included) to the Sum of Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Two Pence, Three Farthings, lawful Money, which we have given him a Receipt for, and charged as above; and find that there remains due to the Colony, from *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; General Treasurer, the Sum of Fourteen Thousand. Eight Hundred and Thirty Pounds, Four Shillings and Three Pence Half Penny, lawful Money, and the Sum of Fifteen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds, Two Shillings and Eight Pence Half Penny, Old Tenor, agreeable to the above Account.

Daniel Mowry, jun.
Moses Brown,
Edward Tburston, jun.
Job Bennet.

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Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. Dr.
For our Service in auditing the Treasurer's Accounts, examining and burning Treasurer's Notes, &c.

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| To Daniel Mowry, jun. | 6 Days | £ 1 16 0 |
| To Moses Brown, | 5 do. | 1 10 0 |
| To Edward Thurston, jun. | 5 do. | 1 10 0 |
| To Job Bennet, | 3 do. | 0 18 0 |
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AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be, and hereby is accepted : That the Account of the Committee be allowed ; and that the following Sums be paid them out of the General Treasury, *to wit* : To the said *Daniel Mowry*, jun. One Pound, Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, to the said *Moses Brown*, One Pound Ten Shillings, lawful Money, to the said *Edward Thurston*, jun. One Pound, Ten Shillings, lawful Money, and to the said *Job Bennet*, Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Jerathmeel Bowers*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, empowered to appoint a suitable Person to be Keeper of the Light-House, who is to maintain good and sufficient Lights therein, and upon Neglect, to remove him and put another in his Place from Time to Time : And that the Sum of Forty Pounds, lawful Money, per Annum, be allowed and paid to the said *Jerathmeel Bowers* out of the Naval Office, in Quarterly Payments, to commence from the Fifteenth Day of this Instant *May*, for the Support and Maintenance of the Keeper and his Family.

WHEREAS *James Helme*, *Rowland Robinson*, and *Beriah Brown*, Esqrs. presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers, being by the General Assembly appointed to take Possession, in Behalf of the Colony, of all the Estate, both real and personal, of *Samuel Willson*, of *South-Kingstown*, and also to take Possession of *Samuel D Casey's*

J. Bowers empowered to appoint a Person to keep the Light-House.

Report of the Committee who took *Willson's* Estate and *Cassey's* Screws into Possession.

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Cassey's Screws, beg leave to inform this Honorable Assembly, that we have performed the Trust reposed in us.----. We would further inform this Honorable Assembly, that we have the Screws of the said *Willson* and *Cassey* in our Possession, and desire the Assembly to direct us what is to be done with said Screws. We would also inform that, at the Time we took Possession of *Cassey's* Screws, *Matthew Robinson*, Esq; declared, That as One of the Executors of Capt. *John Brown*, deceased, he had before that Time caused an Execution on said Screws to be levied, for a Debt due to the Estate of the said *John Brown*, deceased.

James Helme,
Rowland Robinson,
Beriah Brown.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

Committee
appointed to
sell *W. Reynolds's*
Reynolds's Estate.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *James Helme*, *Rowland Robinson*, and *Beriah Brown*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, and fully empowered to sell and dispose of the real Estate, lately owned by *William Reynolds*, but now belonging to the Colony, for the most it will fetch; but that the same be not sold for less than the Amount of his the said *William Reynolds's* Fine and Cost of Court: And that, if it cannot be sold for so much, they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session, of the Price at which they dispose of it.

The Bill of
Cost against
E. Reynolds
remitted.

WHEREAS *Elisha Reynolds* was very serviceable to the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, at their last Term, held in the County of *King's-County*, by giving them Information respecting several of the Criminals, then and there tried and convicted: *IT is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Cost of Court, taxed against the said *Elisha Reynolds*, be and the same is hereby remitted.

Petition of
divers Inha-
bitants of the
Town of *Bar-*
rington refer-
red.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition preferred to this Assembly, by divers Inhabitants of the Town of *Bar-rington*, praying that they may be set off to the Town of *Warren*, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session

Session; and that, in the mean Time, the said Town of *Barrington* be notified to appear at the next Session, if they shall think fit, to answer the same.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *James Helme, Beriab Brown*, and *Rowland Robinson*, Esqrs. be and they are hereby appointed, and fully empowered, to sell and dispose of the Screws lately belonging to *Samuel Willson* and *Samuel Casey*, which are now in the Possession of the above-named Gentlemen, to the best Advantage; and lodge the Money they shall be sold for in the General Treasury.

Committee appointed to sell S. Casey's Screws &c.

And be it further Voted and Resolved, That *Beriab Brown* and *Daniel Rodman*, Esqrs. be and they are hereby directed to deliver to his Honor the Governor, the Dies for counterfeiting Coins, in their Hands, to be lodged in the Government's Chest.

WHEREAS the Justices of his Majesty's Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, have informed this Assembly, that *Robert Potter*, Esq; who was Foreman of the Grand Jury, at the Two last Terms of said Court, held in the County of *King's-County*, attended throughout the whole of the said Terms, and behaved with so much good Sense, Judgment and Firmness, as to assist the said Court in a very extraordinary Manner in convicting the Criminals who were then tried; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid, out of the General Treasury, to the said *Robert Potter*, for his aforesaid extraordinary Service, Six Shillings, lawful Money, per Day, for the whole Time he attended as Foreman of the Grand Jury, at the said Terms.

Allowance made to R. Potter for his Service at the Sup. Court, as Foreman of the Grand Jury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That there be allowed to *James Honyman* and *Henry Marchant*, Esqrs. Thirty-nine Dollars each, in Addition to the Thirty-six Dollars allowed them by this Assembly, at the last Session, for their extraordinary Services as Attornies for the King, in the Prosecution and Conviction of the Criminals who were tried at the two last Terms of his Majesty's Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, held in the County of *King's-County*; and that the Allowance

J. Honyman and H. Marchant allowed 39 Dollars each, in Addition to the Allowance made them at the last Session.

now

now made them be paid out of the Fines of the said Criminals, when a sufficient Sum shall be collected and paid into the General Treasury.

N. Mumford
allowed 18
Dollars.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nathaniel Mumford* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Thirty-six Days Service in revising the General Estimate, at One Dollar and an Half per Day, of which an Allowance of One Dollar per Day hath been already made; which Account being duly considered, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the whole thereof be allowed, and that the Balance, being Eighteen Dollars, be paid the said *Nathaniel Mumford*, out of the General Treasury,

D. Rodman
allowed
£. 5 4 4.

WHEREAS *Daniel Rodman*, Esq; Clerk of his Majesty's Superior Court of Judicature, &c, within and for the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Fees in the Bills of Cost taxed at the said Court; at *October* Term, 1770, against *Samuel Casey*, *William Reynolds*, *Thomas Clarke* and *Elisha Reynolds*: And the said Account being duly examined, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Five Pounds, Four Shillings and Four Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Daniel Rodman*, out of the General Treasury.

£. 3 15 0 to
be paid to the
Executor of
T. Greene deceased.

WHEREAS *Thomas Greene*, Esq; Executor of his Father Colonel *Thomas Greene*, deceased, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account against the Colony, for his said Father's Service in revising the General Estimate, Twenty-five Days, at One Dollar and an Half per Day, of which an Allowance of One Dollar per Day hath been already made; which Account being duly considered, *It is now Voted and Resolved*, That the whole thereof be allowed, and that Three Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Balance, be paid the said Executor, out of the General Treasury.

J. Lippitt allowed 19
Dollars.

WHEREAS *Joseph Lippitt*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Thirty-eight Days Service in revising the General Estimate

Estimate, at One Dollar and an Half per Day, of which an Allowance of One Dollar per Day hath been already made: Which Account being duly considered, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the whole thereof be allowed; and that the Balance, being Nineteen Dollars, be paid the said *Joseph Lippitt*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Holder Almy*, a Deputy Sheriff for the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time and Expences in going to *Coventry*, &c. to apprehend Two Persons accused of making and passing counterfeit Coins, by Virtue of a Warrant from Two of the Justices of His Majesty's Superior Court in this Colony: Which Account being duly considered; *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Three Pounds, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Holder Almy*, out of the General Treasury.

H. Almy al.
lowed £. 3.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Nineteen Dollars be allowed and paid, out of the General Treasury, to *George Hazard*, Esq; as an Addition to the Allowance made him at the last Session, for his Attendance upon the Trials of the Persons prosecuted for counterfeiting Gold and Silver Coins, at the Superior Court, held in *King's-County*, in *October* last.

G. Hazard
allowed 19
Dollars.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Time for paying in the last Colony Rate, be lengthened to the next Session of this Assembly; and that the Rate-gatherers collect the Interest until that Time, as well as the Principal, and pay the same into the General Treasury.

Time for
paying the
Colony-Rate
lengthened,
and Interest
to be paid.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Stephen Hassard* and *Thomas Wells*, jun. Esqrs be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to consider the Subject Matter of the Petition preferred by Mr. *Edward Wells*, to this Assembly, and make Report to this Assembly at the next Session; and that in the mean Time the Colony's Execution therein-mentioned be stayed.

E. Wells's
Petition re-
ferred.

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Whereas

B. Brown,
jun. allowed
£. 9 15 9

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriab Brown*, jun. Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Prison Fees and Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit: Which Account being duly examined; *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Nine Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Beriab Brown*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

S. Hopkins,
allowed 85
Dollars, *J.*
Helm, B.
Hall, M.
Bowler and
S. Potter, 75
Dollars each.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Eighty-five Dollars be allowed to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. and Seventy-five Dollars to each of the other Justices of said Court, (including the Allowance already made) for their Extraordinary Time and Trouble at the Terms of the said Court, held in *King's-County*, in *October* and *April* last, in trying the Criminals for counterfeiting Gold and Silver Coins, and for breaking open His Majesty's Gaol in said County and releasing the Prisoners: And that the additional Sum now allowed, being Thirty-five Dollars to the Chief Justice, and Thirty-seven Dollars to each of the Assistant Justices, be paid out of the Fines of the said Criminals, when a sufficient Sum shall be collected, and paid into the General Treasury.

J. Potter,
allowed
£. 3 7 6

WHEREAS Colonel *John Potter*, of *South-Kingstown*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Use made of his House, by the Governor and Council, who sat there during the Two Sessions of Assembly, held in *October* A. D. 1769, and *February* A. D. 1770: Which Account being duly examined; *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Three Pounds, Seven Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Potter*, out of the General Treasury.

The Con-
sideration of
Gen. *Gage's*
Letter refer-
red, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Consideration of the Letter from General *Gage*, to his Honor the Governor, requesting that Quarters, &c. may be provided for his Majesty's

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Jeffy's 64th Regiment, in this Colony, be referred for the present: That, if the said Regiment shall arrive before the next Session, and require any Supplies from the Colony, his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby requested to call the General Assembly, if he shall find it necessary.

WHEREAS Gideon Comstock, Esq; Jeremiah Whipple, Esq; William Potter, Esq; and Mr. Nathaniel Greene, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

WE being appointed a Committee, by the Lower-House, to make Inquiry of some Persons, who offered to give Information respecting certain People concerned in the making and passing counterfeit Dollars; upon receiving and considering the Information, those Persons were able to give us, do report, that it is expedient and necessary that further Prosecution should be had: And that the Superior Court pursue the same. Which is submitted, by

Report concerning Persons informed against, for counterfeiting Money.

Gideon Comstock,
Jeremiah Whipple,
William Potter,
Nathaniel Greene.

Which Report being duly considered, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Metcalf Bowler, Esq; Job Benhet, Esq; and Mr. Pardon Tillinghast, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer with the Colony, for the last Year.

Com. to audit the Naval Officer's Account.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. Moses Brown, Benjamin Man and Ezeck Hopkins, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of Paul Tew, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Providence, with the Colony.

Com. to audit P. Tew's Account.

WHEREAS Mr. Jonathan Jeffers exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in carrying the Rate

J. Jeffers allowed
£. 1 19 0

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Rate-Bill, passed at last *September* Session, to the Counties of *Providence*, *King's-County*, *Bristol* and *Kent*: Which Account being duly examined, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that One Pound, Nineteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Potter
allowed
£. 0 15 0

WHEREAS *Stephen Potter*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time and Expences, in endeavouring to take up some Persons accused of counterfeiting Gold and Silver Coins: Which Account being duly examined, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Fifteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Stephen Potter*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Southwick
allowed
£. 23 10 7½

WHEREAS Mr. *Solomon Southwick* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Proceedings of the General Assembly during the last Year, for inserting Proclamations and Advertisements in the *Newport Mercury*, for printing Treasurer's Notes, &c. Which Account being duly examined, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Twenty-three Pounds, Ten Shillings and Seven Pence One Farthing, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Solomon Southwick*, out of the General Treasury.

B. Man
allowed
£. 3 8 5

WHEREAS Mr. *Benjamin Man* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for repairing the Windows of the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, at different Times, &c. Which Account being duly examined, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Three Pounds, Eight Shillings and Five Pence, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Benjamin Man*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS this General Assembly did heretofore appoint the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; *James Helme*, Esq;

Esq; *Joseph Hazard*, Esq; and *Sylvester Robinson*, Esq; Committee for settling *T. Ninigret's* Affairs, &c. continued.
a Committee, they, or the major Part of them, to settle and adjust the Accounts and Demands of the Creditors of *Thomas Ninigret*, late Sachem of the *Narragansett* Tribe of *Indians*, in this Colony, and to assist in the Sale of so much of his Lands as would discharge his Debts, and the necessary Expences attending said Affair: And whereas the said Sachem is since deceased, and proper Deeds of sundry Tracts of Land bargained and sold for that Purpose, were not in the Life Time of said Sachem, duly made and executed to the Purchasers of said Lands :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the afore-said Committee, or the major Part of them, together with the Council of the said late Sachem, or the major Part of them, make and execute Deeds of so much of the Lands of said Sachem, as will be sufficient for the Purpose afore-said.



AN ACT appointing *Henry Marchant*, Esq; joint Agent with *Joseph Sherwood*, Esq; for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That *Henry Marchant*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed joint Agent with *Joseph Sherwood*, Esq; for this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, to act in all Matters and Things, which are now pending or that may hereafter arise, in which this Colony is or may be interested, during his Residence in *Great-Britain*, or until further Orders from this Assembly; and in a more especial Manner, to apply for, if they shall apprehend it fit and necessary, and procure Payment of, the Monies reported, by the Secretaries at War and Paymaster General in *Great-Britain*, to be due to this Colony, for the Provisions, Artillery-Stores, &c. supplied to His Majesty's Troops, in the Year 1756.

Act appointing *H. Marchant* joint Agent with *J. Sherwood*, in *G. Britain*.

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And

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to cause Copies of all such Letters and Papers as are in his Possession, respecting the said Matters to be delivered to the said Henry Marchant: That the Secretary also furnish him with Copies of all such Papers and Records, as are in his Office, respecting the same: And that the Secretary be, and hereby is, appointed to prepare a Draught of a Letter of Agency to the said Henry Marchant, for the Purposes aforesaid, and lay the same before this Assembly as soon as may be.

WHEREAS the Secretary presented unto this Assembly the following Draught of a Letter of Agency to *Henry Marchant, Esq;* to wit:

By the Honorable JOSEPH WANTON, Esq; Governor, Captain-General and Commander in Chief, of and over the English Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*.

To all unto whom these Presents shall come, *Greeting*.

Letter of Agency to *H. Marchant* approved, and ordered to be authenticated.

WHEREAS the Governor and Company of the Colony aforesaid, in General Assembly convened, at *Newport*, in the said Colony, on the First Wednesday in this Instant *May*, did pass an Act, choosing and appointing *Henry Marchant*, of *Newport* aforesaid, Esq; jointly with *Joseph Sherwood*, of the City of *London*, in the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, Esq; Agent and Attorney for the said Governor and Company, in *Great-Britain* aforesaid, with full Power and Authority, with the said *Joseph Sherwood*, to act, transact, accomplish and finish, all Matters and Things whatsoever, pending, or that may be pendent, in *Great-Britain*, for or against the said Governor and Company, during his Residence there, more especially to obtain the Monies claimed by the said Governor and Company from the Crown, for Provisions, Artillery-Stores, &c supplied for His Majesty's Service, for the Expedition against *Crown Point*, in the Year One Thousand

Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, or upon any other Account whatever; and requested me, for the Purposes aforesaid, to make and execute a full and ample Letter of Agency and Attorney to him, the said *Henry Marchant*, under my Hand and the Seal of the said Colony: *NOW KNOW YE*, That I, the Governor above-mentioned, by Force and Virtue of the afore-recited Act, in Behalf of the said Governor and Company, have constituted, ordained and appointed, and by these Presents do constitute, ordain and appoint, him, the said *Henry Marchant*, during his Residence in *Great-Britain*, jointly with the said *Joseph Sherwood*, absolute and lawful Agent and Attorney, for the said Governor and Company, in *Great-Britain*; and in their Names and Stead to appear before His Majesty in Council, and either or both Houses of Parliament, or any Court or Courts, Judge or Judges, Minister or Ministers of Justice, as shall have Jurisdiction, Cognizance or Power to hear, adjudge, determine, sentence or decree, in, or upon, any Cause or Causes, moved or pending, or to be moved or pendent, in *Great-Britain*, by, for, or against, the said Governor and Company, whether by Memorial, Petition, Claim, Demand, Appeal, Complaint, or otherwise; and there, in the Name, Stead and Behalf, of the said Governor and Company, jointly with the said *Joseph Sherwood*, to say, do, act, transact, accomplish and finish, all and every Matter and Matters, Thing and Things, needful, requisite and expedient, for obtaining Right and Justice, in Behalf of the said Governor and Company; more especially by Petition, Memorial, or by any other lawful Ways and Means whatsoever, in their Name and Stead, and to their Use, to obtain and receive all such Sums of Money as the said Governor and Company claim from the Crown, for Provisions, Artillery-Stores, &c. supplied for His Majesty's Service for the Expedition against *Crown Point*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six, or upon any other Account whatever: And upon Receipt of the same, or any Part thereof, jointly with the said *Joseph Sherwood*, to give proper Acquittances and lawful Discharges. And I do hereby, for the said Governor and Company, covenant, promise and engage to ratify and confirm, and to hold for ratified and confirmed, all and whatsoever the said *Henry Marchant*

May, 1771.

Marchant, jointly with the said *Joseph Sherwood*, shall lawfully do or cause to be done, in or about the Premises, by Virtue of these Presents.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and the Seal of the said Colony, at Newport aforesaid, this Day of May, in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, &c. Annoq. Dom. 1771.

By his Honor's Command.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, approved : That his Honor the Governor be requested to cause a fair Copy thereof to be made, and authenticate the same, under his Hand and the Colony Seal ; and that it be countersigned by the Secretary.



Justices of the Sup. Court empowered to postpone the Sale of *Willson's Estate*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Justices of his Majesty's Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for this Colony, be, and they are hereby, empowered to postpone the Sale of *Samuel Willson's Estate*, until the next Session of this Assembly, if they shall think proper.

Lott. granted for rebuilding *Greene's Bridge*.

WHEREAS the Town of *Warwick* preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, and represented that the large Bridge, commonly called *Capt. Greene's Bridge*, over *Pawtuxet River*, about Six Miles above the Falls, was, in *March* last, carried away by a large Flood : That the said Bridge stood upon a Road very much frequented ; and the Loss of it is a very great Damage to the Public : And that the said Town of *Warwick* is greatly burthened with Bridges, having many other large Ones to maintain : And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant a Lottery, for rebuilding the said Bridge, agreeable to the Scheme that follows ; and that Messrs. *Benjamin Arnold* and *Thomas Holdon*, both of said *Warwick*, and *Elisha Greene, jun.* and *Nehemiah Knight*, both of *Cranston*, may be appointed Directors of the said Lottery.

Scheme

Scheme of a Lottery, for raising Four Hundred Dollars, for rebuilding the Bridge commonly called Capt. *Greene's* Bridge, to be drawn in Four Classes, and consisting of 3352 Tickets, at a Dollar each.

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| 4 | Prizes of | 60 | Dollars, | 240 | Dollars, |
| 8 | - | 30 | - | 240 | |
| 12 | - | 20 | - | 240 | |
| 24 | - | 10 | - | 240 | |
| 48 | - | 4 | - | 192 | |
| 900 | - | 2 | - | 1800 | |
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| 996 | Prizes, | | | 2952 | |
| 2356 | Blanks, | | For the Bridge, | 400 | |
| <hr/> | | | | <hr/> | |
| 3352 | Tickets, | | | 3352 | Dollars, |

On Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the forego
ing Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition for erecting
a new Town, to be called *Pawtuxet*, to be taken off from
Warwick and *Cranston*, be and the same is hereby referred
to the next Session: And that, in the mean Time, the
said Towns of *Warwick* and *Cranston*; be notified to ap-
pear at next Session, if they shall think proper, to answer
the same.

Petition for
erecting a
new Town to
be called
Pawtuxet;
referred.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Charles Spooner*, Esq;
be, and he is hereby, appointed to repair the Light-House;
and that, when he hath completed the same, he lay his Ac-
count of the Charges thereof before this Assembly.

Charles Spooner
appointed
to repair the
Light-House.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of the Towns
of *Warwick* and *Cranston*, preferred a Petition unto this
Assembly, and represented that the Bridge, called *Pawtuxet*
Bridge, was carried away by a great Flood, in *March* last,
and wholly destroyed; and thereupon prayed that a suffici-
ent Sum may be granted them, out of the General Trea-
sury, to rebuild the said Bridge: Which being duly consid-
ered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Two
Hundred Dollars, and no more, be allowed, and paid
out of the General Treasury, towards repairing the said
Bridge.

200 Dollars
granted for
Pawtuxet
Bridge.

WHEREAS *Samuel Allen*, (the Second) and *Ebenezer*
G Cole,

May, 1771.

Cole, Esqrs. presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

Report of the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of the Directors of the Warren Lottery.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly, at their Session at *Providence*, in *October*, A. D. 1768, to audit the Accounts of the several Directors of the *Warren* Lottery, do report as followeth, *to wit*: That we have examined and stated their several Accounts, and find that they have laid out all the Monies that did arise from the Benefit of the said Lottery, to the Use designed thereby; and that they have faithfully discharged the Trust reposed in them, in every Particular.

*Samuel Allen, the 2d,
Ebenezer Cole.*

Warren, March 10, 1771.

WHICH Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

Officers, in whose Stead others have not been chosen, continued.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Election of Officers, not chosen at this Session, be referred to the next Session: And that, in the mean Time, the Persons now in Office be, and they are hereby, continued in their Offices, with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time before had.

Adjournment

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and, within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be delivered to the Clerk of each Town belonging to the County: And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the Second Monday in *June* next, then to meet at *Newport*.

G O D save the K I N G.

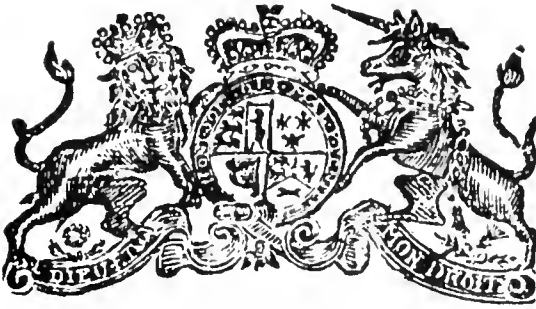
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W I T N E S S

Henry Ward



At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*; begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *Newport*, within and for the said Colony, on the Second Monday in *June*, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one, and Eleventh of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of G O D, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

Joseph Wanton, Esq; Governor.

The Honorable

Darius Sessions, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

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| SAMUEL DYRE, Esq; | } | Assistants |
| SOLOMON DROWN, Esq; | | |
| DAVID HARRIS, Esq; | | |
| JOHN ALMY, Esq; | | |
| JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq; | | |
| JOHN CONGDON, Esq; | | |
| WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq; | } | |

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT :

Thomas Cranston, *Esq;*
Mr. John Wanton, (*Son of* Gid.)
 George Hazard, *Esq;*
 Joseph Wanton, *jun. Esq;*
Capt. William Read,
Mr. Thomas Freebody.

PROVIDENCE :

Daniel Jenckes, *Esq;*
Mr. Moses Brown,
Mr. Benjamin Man,
 Stephen Hopkins, *Esq.*

PORTSMOUTH :

The Speaker,
 John Shearman, *Esq;*
 Jonathan Freeborn, *Esq;*
Mr. Thomas Brownell.

WARWICK :

Mr. Benjamin Greene,
 James Arnold, *Esq;*
Mr. Jacob Greene,
Mr. Christopher Greene.

WESTERLY :

Mr. James Rodes,
Mr. Phineas Clark.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Mr. Ezekiel Gardner,
 John Northup, *Esq.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

William Potter, *Esq;*
 Rowland Robinson, *Esq.*

EAST-GREENWICH :

Sylvester Sweet, *Esq;*
Mr. Joseph Fry.

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. George Tew,
Mr. John Gardner.

SMITHFIELD :

Caleb Aldrich, *Esq;*
 Daniel Mowry, *jun. Esq.*

SCITUATE :

Mr. William West,
 Charles Harris, *Esq.*

GLOUCESTER :

Timothy Wilmarth, *Esq;*

CHARLESTOWN :

John Congdon, *Esq;*
 Sylvester Robinson, *Esq.*

WEST-GREENWICH :

William Nichols, *Esq;*
 Samuel Hopkins, *jun. Esq.*

COVENTRY :

Mr. Nathaniel Greene, *jun.*
Mr. Ichabod Bowen.

EXETER :

Hopson Wilcox, *Esq.*

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Thomas Coggeshall,
Mr. John Holmes.

BRISTOL :

Mr. Christopher Ellery,
 William Pearce, *Esq.*

TIVERTON :

Edward Gray, *Esq;*
Mr. Oliver Cook.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. Philip Taylor,
Mr. John Peckham.

WARREN :

Mr. Cromel Child,
Mr. Daniel Cole.

CUMBERLAND :

Jeremiah Whipple, *Esq;*
 John Dexter, *Esq.*

RICHMOND :

Mr. Stephen Hoxsie,
 Edward Perry, *Esq.*

CRANSTON :

James Harris, *Esq;*
 Gideon Comstock, *Esq.*

HOPKINTON :

Thomas Wells, *jun. Esq;*
Capt. Abel Tanner.

JOHNSTON :

John Waterman, *Esq;*
Mr. Daniel Manton.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Capt. Efeck Hopkins,
 Thomas Whipple, *Esq.*

BARRINGTON :

Josiah Humphry, *Esq;*
 Samuel Allen, (*the Second*) *Esq.*

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq;* *Clerk of the Lower House.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Rumreil* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a long Tar-brush, for the Use of Fort-George : And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that One Shilling and Eight Pence One Farthing, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Rumreil*, out of the General Treasury.

T. Rumreil
allowed £. 0
1 8½.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed, at the last Session of this Assembly, to examine the Facts set forth in the Petition of Capt. *Edward Wells*, be, and they are hereby, continued for that Purpose : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

E. Wells's
Petition re-
ferred.

WHEREAS Messrs. *William Ellery*, and *Edward Thurston jun.* presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, to wit :

Newport, June 14, 1770.

Report of *W.*
Ellery & E.
Thurston, jun.
who are al-
lowed £. 1
4 0.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the Accounts between the General Treasurer and the Light-House, do report, that we have carefully examined the Acts of Assembly, and the General Treasurer's Accounts from the Year 1754, the Time when the present Light-House was built, to the present Year ; and herewith present your Honors the following State thereof, and are

Your Honors humble Servants,
William Ellery,
Edward Thurston, jun.

To the Hon'ble General Assembly.

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| Colony of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , &c. | Dr. |
| To our Service in performing the above Business, | |
| <i>William Ellery</i> , 2 Days, | £. 0 12 0 |
| <i>Edward Thurston, jun.</i> 2 Days. | 0 12 0 |

£. 1 4 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : That the

the Account of the Committee be allowed ; and that One Pound Four Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *William Ellery*, and *Edward Thurston*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

J. Jeffers
S. Brown &
J. Simpson
allowed £. 2
7 0.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Jonathan Jeffers*, *Samuel Brown*, and *John Simpson*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for cleaning the Colony-House in *Newport*, for the Year past, for cutting Wood, &c. And the said Account being duly examined ; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Two Pounds Seven Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, *Samuel Brown*, and *John Simpson*, out of the General Treasury.

Committee
to repair the
Light-House.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Mawdsley*, Esq; *Mr. Evan Malbone*, and *Josias Arnold*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine the Repairs made by *Charles Spooner*, Esq; upon the Light-House, and to advise him what further Repairs to make.

S. Munro al-
lowed £. 1
14 0.

WHEREAS *Simeon Munro*, Esq; late Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for repairing the Gaol in the said County, &c. And the said Account being duly examined ; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that One Pound Fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Simeon Munro*, out of the General Treasury.

John Stevens
allowed £. 1
4, 4½

WHEREAS Mr. *John Stevens* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for repairing the Chimnies of the Colony-House and Gaol in the County of *Newport* : And the said Account being duly examined ; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that One Pound Four Shillings and Four Pence Half Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Stevens*, out of the General Treasury.

UPON

UPON the Application of the Deputies of the Town of Westerly, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General Treasury be, and he is hereby empowered and directed to grant a Warrant to *William Vincent*, the Collector of Rates for said Town, to collect the Remainder of the Colony Rate, which was committed to *Nathan Hiscox*, late Collector of Rates for said Town, empowering him to collect the same as fully and effectually as the said *Nathan Hiscox* could have done; if he had been continued in his Office for that Purpose: And that the said *William Vincent* pay the same, when collected, into the Town Treasury of said *Westerly*.

General
Treasurer to
grant a War-
rant to the
Collector of
Taxes for
Westerly.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Dockray* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Blankets delivered the Sheriff of the County of Newport, for the Use of the poor Prisoners: And the said Account being duly examined; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that One Pound, Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Dockray*, out of the General Treasury.

John Dockray
allowed £. 1
16 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Jeffers* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for repairing the Windows of the Gaol in the County of *Newport*: And the said Account being duly examined; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Fifteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Jeffers
allowed £. 0
15 0.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *George Hazard*, Esq; *William Brooks Simpson*, Esq; Mr. *William Ellery*, and the Secretary, be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for the Relief of insolvent Debtors: And that they present the same to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee
to prepare a
Bill for the
Relief of in-
solvent
Debtors.

WHEREAS the Church and Congregation worshipping in Clarke-Street, in *Newport*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, praying that a Bill, by them presented with

Petition of
the Second
Congrega-
tional
Church in
the *Newport*.

Real and Personal ; and the same to use, occupy and improve towards the Support of the Pastors, Relief of the Poor, or other religious Uses in said Congregation, according to the Will of the Donors, and to the Purposes for which the same shall have been designed and appropriated : All which Estates said Second Congregational Church may and shall take, hold, and stand and be seized of, and improve, notwithstanding any Misnomer of this Corporation, and by whatever Name, or however imperfectly the same may be described in Donations, Legacies, Assignments and Grants, provided the true Intent and Meaning of the Assignor or Benefactor be evident : And the said Second Congregational Church is hereby empowered to lease the Real Estate, and also the same to grant, aliene or hold in Perpetuity, according to the Tenor of their Property therein : And to let Monies on Bonds, Mortgages or other Securities, and shall and may be persons capable in the Law, as a Body corporate, in all Courts and Places, to sue and be sued, to defend and pursue to final Judgment and Execution thereon, in all Causes whatsoever, by and in the Names of such Persons as are herein declared to be the present Committee of said Body corporate and politic, or by and in the Names of their Successors in said Office.

AND it is further Enacted, Ordained and Declared, That those who for the Time being, and at any and all Times, hereafter, shall usually assemble together for public Worship, in the Meeting-House in Clarke-Street, in *Newport*, aforesaid, belonging to the said Second Congregational Church, shall be deemed, and they are hereby declared, the true and lawful Successors in this Corporation.

And furthermore, at the united Request of the Church and Congregation, it is declared, That the Ministry, to whose Use this Corporation is by this Act empowered to hold Estates, shall be Congregational and Pædobaptist, and no other. And that the Pastors in all Successions be mutually chosen, or dismissed, by the Brethren of the Church, being Communicants in regular Standing in the same, and by the Congregation, that is, by a Concurrence of the respective Majorities of those present at public

lic Meetings, duly notified for that Purpose : The Deacons or oldest Member to notify the Church-Meeting in this Case, and the Committee to notify the Meeting of the Congregation.

AND it is further Enacted, That, in Case any Grants or Donations shall be made to the Pastors, Deacons or Brethren, so that a Limitation thereof to the Church, as distinct from the Congregation, shall be evident, then the same shall vest and remain in, and be at the Managment and Disposal of the Church and its Successors, in their distinct and separate Capacity : And that the Church may lease its Estates, improve its monies at Interest by Bond, or otherwise, and sue for and recover the same at Law ; and all their Transactions respecting the same shall be of full Force and legal Validity, without being joined by the Congregation.

And be it further Enacted, That the secular Meetings of this Society shall continue to be called and notified as usual, by the Committee thereof. And the said Congregation are empowered at any such Meeting, to chuse a Moderator, elect Committee-men, such and so many as they shall, from Time to Time, think proper, and appoint a Secretary, Treasurer and such other Officers as they shall judge necessary, and the same at any Time to remove, and others to chuse and appoint in their Stead : And to make such Laws, Rules and Orders, for the necessary repairs of the Meeting-House, and such other By Laws and Regulations about the secular Affairs of the said Congregation, as they shall see fit, not contrary to the Laws of this Government : *And it is hereby Declared,* That *David Cheeseborough, Pollipus Hammond, Robert Stevens, Caleb Gardner, Benjamin Sberburne, John Pitman, William Ellery, Simon Newton, John Bartlett and Joseph Belcher,* be and remain the present Committee, so long as said Congregation shall continue them, and until they are removed and others chosen in their Places.

AND be it further Enacted, That whatever Estate is or shall be held by said Second Congregational Church, either by Purchase or Donation, the same shall never be alienated from the Uses and Purposes thereof, nor applied towards the Support of any other Ministry or Mode of Worship

Worship, than what now obtains therein. And in Case, at any Time hereafter, any Persons of said Congregation shall alter and change their Principles respecting Presbyterian Ordination, the Mode of Worship, and other religious Usages practised or acknowledged in the same; the Individuals so changing shall cease to have Part in the Management or Appropriation of the Incomes and Profits of the Estate; but the same shall be and remain to those, and those only, who shall remain and abide by the Original Principles of this Church, who are hereby declared to be the true and only Successors of the present Members of this Corporation. And they, and such their Successors, shall continue to hold, improve and enjoy, the Estate to the Uses prescribed, and particularly what shall be appropriated to the Ministry shall be held to the Use of such Congregational Ministry in said Second Congregational Church, as is herein before defined and for no other forever.

IN full Testimoy of which Grant, the said Governor and Company do hereby order, that this Act of Incorporation, or an Exemplification thereof, be authenticated by the Signature of the Governor and Secretary, and by the Public Seal of this Colony; and the same being delivered to the said Second Congregational Church shall be a sufficient Warrant to them, to hold, use, exercise and enjoy all the Privileges and Powers herein contained.

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THE following Return from the Clerk of the Artillery-Company, in the Town of *Newport*, of the Officers chosen by the said Company, to wit: *Nathaniel Mumford*, Captain, *Samuel Brenton*, Lieutenant, *Thomas Wickham*, jun. Second Lieutenant, and *Samuel Goldthwait*, Ensign, was read in Council, and being considered is approved.

Artillery
Officers in
Newport, ap-
proved.

WHEREAS Mr. *Stephen Deblois* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Ream of Paper Delivered the Printer, for printing the Proceedings of the General Assembly: And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved* That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Sixteen shillings and Three Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Stephen Deblois*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Deblois al-
lowed £. 0
16 3.

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WHEREAS

E. Thurston
allowed £. 0
12 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Thurston*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Three Quarters of a Ream of Paper, for printing the Acts and Orders of the General Assembly: And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Edward Thurston*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

No Appeals
to be allowed
to the King
in Council
under £. 300.

It is Voted and Resolved, That no Person or Persons whatsoever shall hereafter be allowed or permitted to appeal to his Majesty in Council, in Great-Britain, from the Judgment of the Superior Court of Judicature in this Colony, for any Matter or Thing whatsoever, unless the Matter or Thing in Controversy be of the Value of Three Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, to be Valued by the Court where the Appeal shall be prayed. Any law Custom or Usage to the contrary hereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

Report of the
Committee
upon *Paul
Tew's* Ac-
count, who
is allowed
£. 36 9 2.

WHEREAS Mr. *Moses Brown* and Capt. *Esek Hopkins* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:
WE the subscribers (with Mr. *Benjamin Man*) being appointed a Committee, by the Hon. General Assembly, to audit the Account of *Paul Tew*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, do report, that we have carefully examined the said Account, with the Vouchers, and find a Balance of Thirty-six Pounds, Nine Shillings and Two Pence, lawful Money, due to the said *Paul Tew*, from the Colony.

Providence, June 10, 1771. *Moses Brown,*
Esek Hopkins,

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: And that the Sum of Thirty-six Pounds, 9s. 2d. lawful Money, be paid the said *Paul Tew*, out of the General Treasury.

Time allow-
ed *W. Rey-
nolds* for the
Payment of
his Fine.

WHEREAS there is a Sentence or Judgment, in Favour of the Colony, against *William Reynolds*, on the Records

Records of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, in the County of *King's-County*, for the Sum of One Thousand Dollars and Cost, as a Fine for counterfeiting the Public Coin ; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That upon the Payment of Three Hundred Dollars immediately, and Three Hundred Dollars on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of December next, and the Remainder of said Judgment on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of December, A. D. 1772, into the General Treasury, the Colony shall and will release, and quit all their Right, Title, Interest, Claim and Demand of, in and to, all the Real Estate of the said *William Reynolds*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jeremiah Albro*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance of *Thomas Clarke* and *William Carlile*, poor Prisoners at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Two Pounds, Fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jeremiah Albro*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Albro allowed £. 2 14 0.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Persons, who are possessed of any of the lawful Money Bills, emitted in the Year 1760, or any of the Notes given by the General Treasurer for such Bills, bring all such Bills and Notes into the General Treasury, within Six Weeks from and after the Rising of this Assembly, in Order to be exchanged for Silver and Gold ; and that after the Expiration of said Time, no Interest be allowed thereon ; and that the General Treasurer give Public Notice of this Vote, by an Advertisement in the *Newport* and *Providence* Newspapers.

Lawful Money Bills emitted in 1760, and Notes given for such Bills to be sunk.

WHEREAS *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; *Job Bennet*, Esq; and Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, to wit :

Colony of *Rhode-Island*, &c.

To the Honourable the General Assembly of said Colony, now sitting at *Newport*, on the Second Monday in June, 1771.

Report of *M. Bowler, Job Bennet & P. Tillinghast* upon the Naval Officer's Account, & they allowed £. 0 18 0.

WE

June, 1771.

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by the Hon. General Assembly, to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer with the Colony, for the last Year, do report, That we have carefully examined his Book, and compared his Charges against the Light-House, with the Vouchers, and find a Balance of Twenty-seven Pounds, One Shilling and Eleven Pence One Farthing, lawful Money, due to the Light-House, from Mr. *James Clarke*, Naval-Officer, agreeable to his Account herewith exhibited.

Metcalf Bowler,

Job Bennet,

Newport, June 13, 1771.

Pardon Tillinghast.

The Colony to the Committee, Dr.

To our Service in examining the Books, and settling the Accounts, 1 Day each, at 6s. £. 0 18 0

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted : That the Account of the Committee be allowed ; and that the Amount thereof, being Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, be paid to the said *Metcalf Bowler*, *Job Bennet*, and *Pardon Tillinghast*, out of the General Treasury.

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No Seine to be drawn in *Barrington* river from the 1st of *March* to the last of *May*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That no Seine be drawn, or Net be cast, for the Catching of Fish between the First Day of March and last Day of May, annually, in *Barrington* River, between the Water-Lot of *Daniel Kinnicut*, and the Meeting-House Point, under the Penalty of Ten Pounds, lawful Money ; One Half to the Informer, and the other half to and for the Use of the said Town of *Barrington*.

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Committee to burn Bills of Credit.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the same Committee that was appointed last Year, to burn the Bills of Credit in the General Treasury, be again appointed, they, or the major Part of them, to receive and burn all the lawful Money Bills, and all the Old Tenor Bills in the Grand Committee's Office, *and General Treasury*.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Solomon Southwick* presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Proceedings of the General Assembly at the last Session, and Eight Reams of Paper for the Colony's Use, &c. And the said Account being duly examined; *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Ten Pounds, Seven Shillings and four Pence Half-penny lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Solomon Southwick*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Southwick
allowed
£. 10 7 4½

WHEREAS *Henry Marchant*, Esq; is appointed, by the General Assembly of this Colony, to join with our Agent in *Great-Britain*, to apply for what Money is due from the Crown to this Colony; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That, in Case it shall appear to them that there is a good Prospect of recovering said Monies, they be and hereby are directed, and fully empowered to take up such Monies as shall be necessary for prosecuting said Affair, and such other Matters as the Colony may commit to their Care, not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds Sterling.

Agents em-
powered to
take up Mo-
ney upon the
Colony's Ac-
count.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* be and he is hereby directed to procure suitable green Cloths, to cover the Tables in the Council-Chamber, and Deputies Room, in the Colony-House in *Newport*, and also a pair of Andirons, Shovel and Tongs, for the said Deputies Room: And that the Expence thereof be paid out of the General Treasury.

Sheriff to
provide
Cloth, &c.
for the Colo-
ny-House in
Newport.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon'ble *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; *John Dexter*, Esq; Mr. *Moses Brown* and *Matthew Robinson*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to draw a State of the Case of the Northern Boundary Line of this Colony, and deliver the same to *Henry Marchant*, Esq; to carry with him to *Great-Britain*, who, in Concurrence with *Joseph Sberwood*, Esq; is to take such Counsel and Advice thereon as they may think proper, respecting the obtaining an Order from His Majesty for Commissioners to settle the Line agreeable to

Committee to
draw a State
of the North-
ern Boundary
Line of this
Colony.

the Charters of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and this Colony.

J. Fryers allowed £. 0
11 8½.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Fryers* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Three large Padlocks, delivered for the Use of the Gaol in the County of *Newport*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Eleven Shillings and Eight Pence One Farthing, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Fryers*, out of the General Treasury.

Francis
Brayton allowed £. 2
16 11½.

WHEREAS Mr. *Francis Brayton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Boarding a recruiting Party of His Majesty's 14th Regiment: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Two Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Eleven Pence Three Parthings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Francis Brayton*, out of the General Treasury.

T. George allowed £. 23
9 2.

WHEREAS Capt. *Thomas George* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Salary as Captain of *Fort-George*, sundry Disbursements for said Fort, Boarding a Recruiting Party of His Majesty's 29th Regiment, &c. And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that Twenty-three Pounds, Nine Shillings and Two Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas George*, out of the General Treasury.

C. Harris allowed £. 4
1 4½.

WHEREAS *Caleb Harris*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Billeting a Recruiting Party of His Majesty's 29th Regiment: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed; and that the Balance thereof, being Four Pounds, One Shilling and Four Pence Half-penny, lawful Money, be paid to the said *Caleb Harris*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS

Bradford chosen
k. of the Inferior
wt in the County
Bristol.

Both Houses being joined in a Grand Committee
chose Daniel Bradford Esq. Clerk of the Inferior
Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of
the Peace in the County of Bristol in the Room
of Thomas Throop Esq. deceased.

WHEREAS at last October Session of Assembly, Mr. *Stephen Hassard* with others were appointed to put in suit all the Bonds and Mortgages that concern the Loan Money, &c. And the said *Stephen Hassard* refusing to serve; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Daniel Rodman*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed in the Room of the said *Stephen Hassard*, for the Purpose aforesaid. And that the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office deliver the Papers of the several Counties to each respective Officer, appointed to receive the same, taking Receipts for them: And that said Officers be paid for their Trouble.

D. Rodman appointed One of the Committee to put in Suit the Securities for the Loan Money.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Justices of the Superior Court be, and they are hereby, empowered to take into Consideration the selling of *Samuel Willson's* Lands, and to put off the Sale thereof until the next Session of this Assembly; or order the same to be sold immediately, as they shall think proper.

Justices of the Superior Court to postpone the Sale of *S. Willson's* Lands if they think proper.

WHEREAS the Time of holding the Superior Court in the County of *Newport*, in September, interferes with the Commencement at *Providence*; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That, for the future, the Superior Court be held, within and for the County of *Providence*, annually, on the First Monday of September: And in the County of *Newport*, on the Third Monday of September, annually: And that the Jurors be notified thereof, when warned to attend said Courts.

Times of holding the Superior Courts in *Newport* and *Providence* altered.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *Christopher Elery*, and *Jonathan Russell*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive from the Widow and Executrix of *Thomas Throop*, Esq; late Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*, the Books of Record, Seal, Files of Papers, and all other Things appertaining to the said Office, and deliver the same to *Daniel Bradford*, Esq; the present Clerk of the said Court, giving and taking Receipts for the same.

Committee to deliver the Records, &c. of the Inferior Court in *Bristol* to the present Clerk.

WHEREAS

Report of the
Committee
upon *W.
Chaloner's*
Accounts,
who is al-
lowed £. 18
13 4.

WHEREAS *Samuel Dyre*, Esq; Mr. *John G. Wanton*, and *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee, by the Honorable General Assembly, to audit the Accounts of *Walter Chaloner*, Esq; with the Colony, do report, That we have carefully examined said Accounts, and find due to him the Sum of Eighteen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence, lawful Money ; all which is submitted to your Honors.

Newport, June 15, 1771.

*Samuel Dyre,
John G. Wanton,
Joseph Wanton, jun.*

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted ; and that the Sum of Eighteen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence, lawful Money, being the Balance therein mentioned, be paid the said *Walter Chaloner*, out of the General Treasury.

The Govern-
nor allowed
£. 30, and
the Deputy-
Governor al-
lowed £. 15.

It is Voted and Resolved, That there be allowed and paid to His Honor the Governor, the Sum of Thirty Pounds, lawful Money ; and to His Honor the Deputy-Governor, the Sum of Fifteen Pounds, lawful Money, out of the General Treasury, for their Salaries and extraordinary Services the last Year.

H. Rice al-
lowed £. 2
5 0.

WHEREAS *Henry Rice*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Time, Horse-hire and Expences of himself and Aid, in apprehending *Gideon Casey*, and carrying him to *King's-County* Gaol : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Two Pounds, Five Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Henry Rice*, out of the General Treasury.

C. Holden al-
lowed £. 8
17 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *Charles Holden*, jun. One of the Deputy-Sheriffs for the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Time, Horse-hire, and Expences of himself and Aid,

Aid, in pursuit of *John James*, and others : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Eight Pounds, Seventeen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Charles Holden*, out of the General Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Forty Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed, and paid out of the General Treasury, unto *John Dexter*, Esq; and Captain *Stephen Jencks*, in Addition to the Sum already granted, to be laid out to and for the Repairs of *Pawtucket Bridge*. £. 40 allowed for Pawtucket Bridge.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nicholas Gardner*, jun. One of the Deputy-Sheriffs for the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Time, Trouble and Expences of himself and Aid, in taking up Grand and Petit Jurors, to try sundry Persons concerned in counterfeiting Coin : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Three Pounds, Three Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Nicholas Gardner*, jun. out of the General Treasury. N. Gardner allowed £. 3 3 0

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and *John Cole*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to audit and examine the Account put in Suit against the Colony, by *William Wheaton*, of *Providence*, and now pending in *Providence* Inferior Court : That they be and hereby are empowered to settle and Compromise said Suit, and any other Demands of the said *William Wheaton*, in such Manner as they shall judge for the Interest of the Colony, and Justice to the said *Wheaton* shall require : And to defend in said Suit, if no Compromise be made : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session. Committee to settle W. Wheaton's Account.

WHEREAS Mr. *Beriah Brown*, jun. a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, B. Brown, jun. allowed £. 23 18 5.

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for

for the Time, Trouble and Expences of himself and Aid, in apprehending and committing divers persons concerned in counterfeiting Coin, and breaking open the Gaol in the County of *King's-County* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Twenty-three Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Five Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Beriab Brown*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

Committee to
lay out the
Money grant-
ed to *Pawtux-
et* Bridge.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Anthony Aborn*, and *James Arnold*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to lay out the Two Hundred Dollars granted by this Assembly, at the last Session, towards Re-building *Pawtuxet* Bridge ; and that they lay out no more than that Sum on Account of the Colony.

E. Gardner
allowed £. 4
4 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ezekiel Gardner*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Trouble and Expences, in assisting *Beriab Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*, in apprehending sundry Persons, who were concerned in breaking open the Gaol in the said County : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Four Pounds, Four Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ezekiel Gardner*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

P. Browning
allowed £. 1
19 0.

WHEREAS Mrs. *Phebe Browning*, Keeper of his Majesty Gaol in the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by her charged against the Colony, for the Support of *Noah Colton*, *Gideon Casey* and *William Corney*, committed to said Gaol for counterfeiting Coin : And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that One Pound, Nineteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Phebe Browning*, out of the General Treasury.

R. Congdon
allowed £. 5
3 9.

WHEREAS Mr. *Robert Congdon*, a Deputy-Sheriff in the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an

an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Time, Trouble, Horse-hire and Expences of himself and Aid, in apprehending sundry Persons concerned in counterfeiting Coin, and breaking open the Gaol in the County of *King's-County* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Five Pounds, Three Shillings and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Robert Congdon*, out of the General Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be and he is hereby directed not to put forth the Colony's Executions against the Town of *South-Kingstown*, till after the next Session of this Assembly : And that the Treasurer empower said Town to Collect the Sums due upon said Executions, by issuing his Warrants therefor, when said Town shall have assessed said Sums, so due, upon the Inhabitants of said Town.

Executions against *South-Kingstown* stayed.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Rose*, jun. a Deputy-Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Time, Trouble, Horse-hire and Expences of himself and Aid, in apprehending sundry Persons concerned in breaking open the Gaol in the County of *King's-County* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Sixteen Pounds, One Shilling, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Rose*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

J. Rose allowed £. 16 1 0

It is Voted and Resolved, That Forty Days longer be allowed to the several delinquent Towns to pay in their respective Rates, they paying Interest for the same up to the Time of Payment : And that, at the Expiration of said Time, the General Treasurer be and he is hereby directed and fully empowered, to issue his Warrants against all those that shall be then deficient.

Time for paying the Colony Tax lengthened.

WHEREAS *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Time, Trouble, Horse-hire and Expences of himself and Aid, in apprehending sundry Persons, concerned in breaking open the

B. Brown allowed £. 32 3 6.

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the Gaol in the County of *King's-County*, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Thirty-two Pounds, Three Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Beriah Brown*, out of the General Treasury.

Officers, in
whose Stead
others have
not been
chosen, con-
tinued.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Election of Officers, not chosen at the last Session, be referred to the next Session : And that, in the mean Time, the Persons now in Office be and they are hereby continued in their Offices, with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time before had.

Adjourn-
ment.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business, lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred unto the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be delivered to the Clerk of each Town belonging to the County : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the Third Monday in August next, then to meet at *East-Greenwich*.

G O D save the K I N G.

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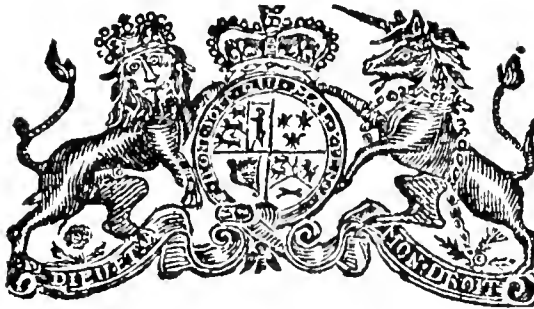
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W I T N E S S

Henry Ward

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the said Colony, on the Third Monday in *August*, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one, and Eleventh of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of G O D, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

Joseph Wanton, Esq; Governor,

The Honorable

Darius Sessions, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

SOLOMON DROWN, Esq;
DAVID HARRIS, Esq;
JOHN ALMY, Esq;
THOMAS WICKES, Esq;
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;
JOHN CONGDON, Esq;
JOSEPH HAZARD, Esq;

Assistants.

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT :

Thomas Cranston, *Esq;*
Mr. John Wanton, (*Son of Gid.*)
 George Hazard, *Esq;*
 Joseph Wanton, *jun. Esq;*
Capt. William Read,
Mr. Thomas Freebody.

PROVIDENCE :

Daniel Jenckes, *Esq;*
Mr. Moses Brown,
Mr. Benjamin Man,
 Stephen Hopkins, *Esq.*

PORTSMOUTH :

John Shearman, *Esq;*
Mr. Thomas Brownell.

WARWICK :

Mr. Benjamin Greene,
 James Arnold, *Esq;*
Mr. Jacob Greene,
Mr. Christopher Greene.

WESTERLY :

Mr. James Rhodes,
Mr. Phinehas Clark.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Mr. Ezekiel Gardner,
 John Northup, *Esq.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

William Potter, *Esq;*
 Rowland Robinson, *Esq.*

EAST-GREENWICH :

Sylvester Sweet, *Esq;*
Mr. Joseph Fry.

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. George Tew,
Mr. John Gardner.

SMITHFIELD :

Caleb Aldrich, *Esq;*
 Daniel Mowry, *jun. Esq.*

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Mr. William West,

GLOUCESTER :

Timothy Wilmarth, *Esq;*

Zebedee Hopkins, *jun. Esq.*

CHARLESTOWN :

John Congdon, *Esq;*

WEST-GREENWICH :

Samuel Hopkins, *jun. Esq.*

COVENTRY :

Mr. Nathaniel Greene, *jun.*

Mr. Ichabod Bowen.

EXETER :

George Pierce, *Esq.*

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Thomas Coggeshall,

Mr. John Holmes.

BRISTOL :

Mr. Christopher Ellery,
 William Pearce, *Esq.*

TIVERTON :

Mr. Oliver Cook.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. John Peckham.

WARREN :

Mr. Cromel Child,

Mr. Daniel Cole.

CUMBERLAND :

Jeremiah Whipple, *Esq;*

John Dexter, *Esq.*

RICHMOND :

Mr. Stephen Hoxsie,

Edward Perry, *Esq.*

CRANSTON :

James Harris, *Esq;*

Gideon Comstock, *Esq.*

HOPKINTON :

Thomas Wells, *jun. Esq.*

JOHNSTON :

Mr. Daniel Manton.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Capt. Esck Hopkins,

Thomas Whipple, *Esq.*

BARRINGTON :

Josiah Humphry, *Esq;*

Samuel Allen, (*the Second*) *Esq.*

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Cranston*, Esq; Committee to examine the Condition of the Gaol in Newport. *Mr. John Wanton*, (Son of *Gideon*) *William Potter*, Esq; and *Walter Chalonier*, Esq; be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine into the Condition of the Gaol in the County of *Newport*, and to take into Consideration whether it will be most eligible to repair the same, or build a new One; and if the latter, to consider of the most convenient Situation to place it upon, to draw a Plan for the Construction and Dimensions thereof, and to make an Estimate of the Cost of building it: And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and *Gideon Comstock*, Esq; be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby appointed a Committee; to audit the Accounts of the Directors of the Lottery granted for repairing the Road, leading from *Providence* to *Plainfield*. Com. to audit the Accounts of Plainfield Road Lottery.

WHEREAS Messrs *Christopher Ellery* and *Jonathan Russell* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, Report of C. Ellery and J. Russell. to wit:

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee, at *June* Session, to receive from the Widow and Executrix of *Thomas Throop*, Esq; late Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Bristol*, the Books of Record, Seal, Files of Papers, and all other Things appertaining to the said Office, and Court, and deliver them to the present Clerk, giving and taking Receipts for the same; do report, that we have performed the Trust reposed in us, and herewith present a Receipt from *Daniel Bradford*, Esq; the present Clerk. *Christopher Ellery*,
Jonathan Russell.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

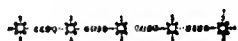
WHEREAS Mr. *William Chalonier* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences, in going to *W. Chalonier* allowed £. 5 6.
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Exeter and searching the Houses of divers People, suspected of counterfeiting Gold and Silver Coins : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that One Pound, Five Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said William Chalonier, out of the General Treasury.

Sheriffs travelling Fees to be entered on the Execution.

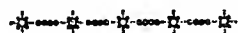
It is Voted and Resolved, That the Clerks of the several Courts in this Colony be, and they are hereby, directed to insert in every Bill of Cost, by them examined, the Sheriffs Fees as entered on the Writ in every respective Case, and endorse the same on the Back of the Execution issued in such Case, where any travelling Fees are charged.



Act to prevent Hogs going at large in the compact Part of *East-Greenwich* & *Warwick*.

AN ACT to prevent Hogs going at large in the compact Part of the Towns of *East-Greenwich*, and *Warwick* adjoining.

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That at and after the Expiration of One Week, from the Rising of this Assembly, all Hogs that shall be found going at large within Half a Mile from the Court-House, in *East-Greenwich*, shall be liable to be seized by any Freeholder inhabiting within said Limits ; who, upon seizing the same, shall set up a Notification in One or more of the Public Houses in said *East-Greenwich* ; and unless the Owner of said Hog or Hogs shall, within Twenty-four Hours after said Notification, pay to the Treasurer of the Town where the same shall be seized, as a Fine to and for the Use of said Town, Six Shillings, lawful Money, for every Hog to seized, and Two Shillings, lawful Money, to the Person seizing, then such Hog or Hogs may be disposed of by the Person seizing the same to his own Use.



Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

AN Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

WHEREAS divers Persons in this Colony, by Reason of Losses and other Misfortunes, are rendered Insolvent Debtors,

Debtors, some of whom are confined in Gaol, and others under Arrest or Restraint for Debt, and cannot pursue any Business; which is detrimental to the Public, and may prove the utter Ruin of themselves and their Families, unless some fit Remedy be provided: And whereas it often happens, that a major Part of the Creditors are convinced that it will be greatly Advantageous to them to receive a just and equal Proportion of the Estate of such Insolvent Debtors, before the same be further wasted, and to give them a full and final Discharge of their Debts, and are willing to do the same; thereby affording such Insolvent Debtors an Opportunity of being useful to their Families and the Community:

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, it is Enacted, that from and after the Publication of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any Insolvent Debtor, being an Inhabitant of this Colony, either in Gaol or under any Arrest or Restraint for Debt, to petition to the then next Superior Court of Judicature, to be held in the County where such Debtor lives, or is confined, setting forth that he is an Insolvent Debtor, and praying Leave to surrender, upon Oath or solemn Engagement, all his Estate, real and personal, for the Use of his Creditors; to which Petition he shall annex a true and perfect Inventory of all his Estate, together with a List of all his Creditors, of the Places of their Abode, and of the Sums due to them, respectively, to the best of his Knowledge; and thereupon make Application to any one Justice of the said Court, to cause the said Petition to be lodged on File in the Clerk's Office of said Court, at least Three Months before the Sitting thereof. And if the Person petitioning be in Gaol, on such Application made on his Behalf, to any Justice as aforesaid, he shall forthwith cause such Petitioner to be brought before him, by a Writ of *Habeas Corpus*, in Order to receive his Petition. And upon the Delivery of such Petition, Inventory and List, he shall cause such Debtor to make Oath or Engagement, before him, in the following Form, *to wit*:

YOU A. B. do, upon Oath, in the Presence of Almighty God, swear [Engagement, affirm] protest and declare,
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that the Inventory by you presented, contains a true, honest and perfect Inventory, or Account, of all your Estate, both real and personal, which you now have, or may, or can, or ought to have, in Possession, Reversion or Remainder, that you know of or remember; that the List here exhibited is a true and perfect List of all your Creditors, and of the several Sums due to them, respectively, to the best of your Knowledge: That you have not directly or indirectly, by yourself or others, made any Deed or Deeds, Gift or Gifts, Grant or Grants, or any other Conveyance or Conveyances whatsoever, whereby to conceal from or defraud your Creditors of any the least Part of your Estate, real or personal, or fraudulently to enable any Person to appear as your Creditor, for the obtaining a Grant of your Petition. And that if any Thing be omitted in the Inventory or Account, by you now exhibited, you will add the same, and cause the same to be delivered up, to and for the Use and Benefit of your Creditors: So help you God. (And this Engagement you make and give upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury.)

AND thereupon such Justice shall cause the said Petition, Inventory and List, together with a Certificate of the Debtor's having made Oath or Engagement as aforesaid, to be immediately put upon File in the Clerk's Office of said Court, and shall give Orders to the Clerk to cause to be published, at the Cost of the Petitioner, within Ten Days, or as soon as can be, in so many of the Public News-Papers, as shall appear to be necessary by such Insolvent Debtor's List of Creditors, an Advertisement or Advertisements, setting forth all the proceedings thus far had, and notifying the Creditors of such Insolvent Debtor, to appear at the Term of the Court, by themselves or Attorney, when and where the Petition is to be heard, to ascertain their Demands, or otherwise to shew Cause, if any they have, why the Prayer of such Petition should not be granted; which Advertisement or Advertisements shall be published in the several Papers at least Two Months before the Sitting of the Court, and be continued Three Weeks successively.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
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That, at the Term of the said Court, where such Petition is to be heard, the Justices shall cause such Insolvent Debtor, if in Gaol, to be brought before them by Writ of *Habeas Corpus* ; and if it shall appear to the Justices of said Court, upon Examination, that the major Part of his Creditors, in Number and Value, then present by themselves or Attornies, are ready to join the Debtor in the Prayer of his Petition, the Court shall then proceed to administer the Oath or Engagement by this Act prescribed : And the Prayer of such Petition shall be immediately granted : Unless any Creditor or Creditors shall suggest to said Court, that they have good Cause to suspect that there is Fraud or Covin between such Insolvent Debtor and some of the petitioning Creditors, in Order to obtain the Benefit of this Act. And on such Suggestion or Complaint then made before said Court, the said Justices are hereby authorized and empowered to examine upon Oath or Engagement, by Interrogatories or otherwise, every such Creditor or Creditors, so suspected, touching the Premises complained of. And in Case any Creditor or Creditors, being duly summoned, shall refuse to appear, or to answer fully any Interrogatories, it shall and may be lawful for said Justices to commit such Offender or Offenders to some strait or close Prison, there to remain until he, she or they, shall better conform themselves. And such Insolvent Debtor and his Creditors, having thus far complied with all the Regulations and Restrictions herein mentioned, a Majority of said Creditors in Number and Value, then present, by themselves or their Attornies, by Application to said Court, may proceed to nominate and appoint Three good Men, as Commissioners or Assignees : But if the Creditors refuse or neglect so to do, then the Justices of said Court shall nominate and appoint Three good Men, as Commissioners or Assignees, unto whom the Insolvent Debtor shall forthwith, in open Court, make, seal, and deliver, One or more full, perfect and absolute Assignment, Deed or Deeds, Conveyance or Conveyances, of all his Estate, real and personal, as aforementioned ; so as to vest in said Commissioners or Assignees a full, free, clear and absolute Estate, and enable them, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, to grant, bargain, sell, alien,

alien, enfeoff, convey, and confirm the same, or any Part or Parcel thereof, unto the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, his Heirs and Assigns forever, by One or more Deed or Deeds, Conveyance or Conveyances, or otherwise, as by Council learned in the Law shall be devised and contrived, to and for the giving and creating in the Purchaser or Purchasers, his or their Heirs and Assigns, such an Estate as the Debtor had in the Thing or Things so disposed of, at the Time of his surrendering his Estate unto the Commissioners or Assignees, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when and as soon as any Insolvent Debtor shall have complied with and performed all and every the Acts, Duties and Things incumbent on him, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, Record thereof shall be made, and the Commissioners or Assignees, in open Court, shall take an Oath, or give solemn Engagement, honestly, and faithfully to behave and duly to perform the Trust to them committed; and a Record thereof being made, the Court shall issue and give a written Order unto the Sheriff of the County where such Insolvent Debtor shall live or be confined, directing him to discharge and set the said Insolvent Debtor at Liberty; which shall not only justify the Sheriff for so doing, but operate to all Intents and Purposes as a full and perfect Acquittance, Release or Discharge, made and executed by the Creditor or Creditors of and to such Insolvent Debtor, whether committed by mesne Process, Execution, or otherwise chargeable, from all Debts, Duties, Contracts and Demands of every Nature and Kind whatsoever, that shall be at that Time outstanding against him: Debts due to the Crown only excepted.

Provided always, And it is hereby further Enacted and Declared, That nothing in this Act contained, or any Clause or Article thereof, shall be construed or extended, or deemed to extend, to any Debt, Duty, Claim or Demand, that any Person or Persons shall then have due, owing, payable or coming, of or from the Ancestor or Ancestors of any such Insolvent Debtor; but that all and every the Estate and Estates which he holds by Descent,

as an Heir at Law, or by Devise in and by the last Will and Testament of any Ancestor or Ancestors, shall be liable to an Attachment or Writ to be sued out against such Debtor, as Heir or Devisee, and be liable to Judgment and Execution, and to be sold agreeable to the Laws in such Cases made and provided. And also all such Part of the Insolvent Debtor's real or personal Estate, as shall be legally attached by any Creditor or Creditors, and Execution levied thereon, before the Insolvent Debtor's Petition be lodged on File, as aforesaid, shall be held by such Execution until the lawful Demands made by such Attachment be fully discharged : And the Sheriff shall proceed to the Sale of such Estate as the Law directs ; any Thing herein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And if the Sale of such Estate, so attached, shall amount to more than the Execution against it, the Sheriff shall immediately pay the Overplus to the Commissioners or Assignees of such Insolvent Debtor, for the Benefit of his Creditors.-----And if it shall appear to the Court, that any Insolvent Debtor shall, previous to the lodging of his Petition, leave the Colony or secrete himself, in Order collusively to give an Opportunity to any One or more of his Creditors to lay Attachments upon his Estate, to the Prejudice of his other Creditors, that then such Insolvent Debtor shall be totally incapable of receiving the Benefit of this Act.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That as soon as any Assignment, Deed or Deeds, Conveyance or Conveyances, shall be made as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners or Assignees, appointed as aforesaid, to receive and take into Possession all and singular the Goods and Chattels, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments of the Insolvent Debtor, assigned, conveyed or made over to them for the Use and Purpose aforesaid ; and the same to sell and dispose of in such Manner as they, the said Commissioners or Assignees, shall think best, and most for the Advantage of the Creditors. But before any Sale or Disposition, they are hereby directed, and it is required of them, to give Notice, in Manner as is herein prescribed, unto all Persons to bring in or send and prove their respective Demands, within

Nine Months from the Day on which they, the Commissioners or Assignees, were appointed. And if it shall happen that the Time of Nine Months, limited as aforesaid, be found too short for the Commissioners or Assignees to settle and adjust all Accounts subsisting between such Insolvent Debtor and his Creditors, that then, and in such Case, it shall be lawful for the Justices of said Court, upon Application for that Purpose, to them made by the major Part of the Creditors, or the Commissioners or Assignees, to lengthen and enlarge the Time for their going through and finishing the Business, as the Court shall find necessary or think convenient. And at the Expiration of Nine Months, or such further Time, shall pay out to each Creditor his proportionable Part of the neat Proceeds of the said Insolvent Debtor's Estate, according to his just Demands ; having First deducted all Costs and Court Dues, which shall have accrued in obtaining the Relief of this Act ; and also all Prison Fees, Billeting in Gaol, Sheriffs Fees, and all Costs of Suit in any Judgment of Court obtained against him, where the Action commenced before the Insolvent Debtor's Petition was lodged on File, and all other lawful Charges, before any Distribution be made. And that if any Creditor shall neglect to bring in and prove his Claim against such Insolvent Debtor, according to the Regulations of this Act, such Creditor shall be excluded from any distributive Part or Share of such Insolvent Debtor's Estate. And the Costs and Court Dues on any such Petition shall be the same as in other Cases at the Superior Court.

AND be further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners or Assignees may sue in their own Names for the Recovery of any Estate, real or personal, of or belonging to any such Insolvent Debtor : And on Recovery or Recoveries, in any Action or Actions, shall dispose of what shall be obtained by such Suit or Suits, unto and for the Advantage of the Creditors of such Insolvent Debtor. And if it shall happen that any Estate hath been mortgaged or otherwise pledged, the Equity of Redemption shall be vested in the Commissioners in the same Manner to all Intents and Purposes, as it was or ought to be in the Mortgager or Grantor.

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AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the said Commissioners or Assignees, or the major Part of them, shall have Power and Authority to summon and convene before them any such Insolvent Debtor, his Wife, or any other Person or Persons supposed to be knowing or any Way concerned in the Concealment of any such Insolvent Debtor's Estate, or any Person or Persons suspected of putting in any false Claim or Charge, against said Insolvent Debtor's Estate, to a larger Amount than what is justly due and owing unto him or them, in Order to defraud the Creditors, or fraudulently to procure the Relief of this Act, and to examine such Insolvent Debtor, his Wife, and all and every Person or Persons, so suspected, as aforesaid, upon Interrogatories or otherwise concerning the same, on Oath or Engagement, which they are hereby empowered to administer, and to answer any Interrogatories concerning the same. And in Case any Person, on being duly summoned, shall refuse to appear or to give a satisfactory Account, or answer to any Interrogatories on Oath or Engagement, concerning the Matters aforesaid, such Person, so refusing, shall enter into Recognizance, with such Surety as the Commissioners or Assignees, who are hereby empowered to take the same, shall think sufficient, to appear at the next Superior Court in the County where the said Commissioners or Assignees, or the major Part of them, dwell. And upon Refusal to enter into Recognizance, as aforesaid, the said Commissioners or Assignees shall commit such Person or Persons to Gaol, there to remain till the Meeting of the said Court. And the said Court is hereby empowered to take Cognizance of the Matter, and to proceed in the same Manner as is prescribed in this Act, in Cases where it is suggested that there is Fraud or Covin between the Insolvent Debtor and some of the petitioning Creditors, in Order to obtain the Benefit of this Act ; and if it should be fully proved to the satisfaction of said Court, that said Offender or Offenders have been knowing to, or any Ways aiding or assisting in the concealing or making over any Part of the said Insolvent Debtor's Estate, Goods and Chattels, Wares, Merchandizes, Bonds, Notes, or other Securities, or have put in any false Claim or over Charges
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against such Insolvent Debtor's Estate, with an Intent to cheat and defraud his just Creditors, or to assist him in obtaining the Benefit of this Act, and do not discover the same on the first Examination before the Commissioners or Assignees; he, she or they, so offending, shall forfeit double the Value of such Estate, Goods and Chattels, so concealed and conveyed, with their Knowledge and Assistance, and double the Value of such over Charges, wilfully made against said Insolvent Debtor's Estate, with the Intent aforesaid: Which said Forfeitures shall be levied on the Goods and Chattels, or real Estate of said Offenders, by Order of said Court; and the Monies arising therefrom shall be equally divided among said Insolvent Debtor's just Creditors, in Proportion to their Demands. And if it should so happen, that such Forfeitures should Amount to more than will pay the Whole of the Debts of such Insolvent Debtor, then the Overplus shall be deposited in the General Treasury, for the Use of the Colony.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Insolvent Debtor, complying with this Act, as aforesaid, shall be allowed out of his Estate, assigned as aforesaid, for his own proper Use, such Bedding and necessary Apparel for himself, his Wife and Children, and also such necessary Articles of Kitchen Furniture, as the Commissioners or Assignees shall think fit. And if the said Insolvent Debtor's Estate shall neat and pay Fifteen Shillings in the Pound, he shall, on Payment thereof, be allowed Five per Cent. and if Ten Shillings in the Pound, Two and an Half per Cent. to take and appropriate the same to his own Use and Benefit. And the Commissioners or Assignees shall be allowed and paid for their Trouble, Two and an Half per Cent. out of the Estate of such Insolvent Debtor; they always keeping a regular Account of their Proceedings, and of the Sale and Disposition of all and singular the Estate, real and personal, of such Debtor, committed to their Trust; which, when demanded by said Court, at the Request of any Creditor, they shall be held and obliged to render.

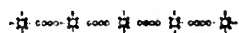
AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Insolvent Debtor, who shall take the Oath or Engagement,

Engagement, prescribed by this Act, shall be lawfully convicted of wilful Perjury, he shall stand upon the Pillory in some public Place for the Space of Two Hours, and have One of his Ears nailed to the Pillory and cut off; shall lose and forfeit all Advantages of this Act, shall be liable to his Creditors in the same Manner he was before he lodged his Petition, and shall be committed to Gaol, there to remain until he shall pay his just Debts, or be discharged by his Creditors.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Superior Court may, at a special Meeting thereof, to be called by the Justice who shall receive such Insolvent Debtor's Petition, act and do every Thing, which by this Act they are empowered to do in Term-Time.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all former Acts of this Colony, made for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, and all Amendments thereof, and Additions thereto, (excepting the Act made in September, 1765, entitled, "An Act for the Maintenance and Support of Insolvent Debtors, and poor Prisoners at the King's Suit in Gaol") be, and they are hereby, repealed.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Copy of this Act be Published in the Newport Mercury and Providence Gazette.



It is Voted and Resolved, That a Rate or Tax of Twelve Rate ordered. Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, be assessed and levied upon the the Inhabitants of the several Towns in this Colony; Ten Thousand Pounds thereof to be appropriated towards sinking the outstanding lawful Money Bills, emitted in the Year 1762, and such Treasurer's Notes as have been given for said Bills; and the other Two Thousand Pounds for the Supply of the Treasury: And that *Rowse J. Helme,* and *Joseph Aplin,* Esqrs, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for that Purpose; and that they lay the same before this Assembly as soon as may be.

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WHEREAS

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The Colony's Execution against *Johnston* ordered to be returned for an Alias.

WHEREAS the General Treasurer hath issued out an Execution, agreeable to Law, against *Edward Fenner*, Esq; Town-Treasurer of the Town of *Johnston*, for the Sum of Sixty-nine Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Seven Pence, lawful Money, being for a Deficiency of *John Brown*, Collector of Taxes for said Town, in not paying the whole Sum by him collected in the last Colony-Tax, assessed on said Town : And whereas the said *Edward Fenner* hath obtained Judgment against *Josiah Harris* and *Charles Waterman*, at a Special Court held for that Purpose, as Sureties for the aforesaid *John Brown*, for the aforesaid Sum of Sixty-nine Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Seven Pence, with Costs, and hath taken out Execution thereon.

BE it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That if the said *Edward Fenner*, or the Bondsmen for the said *John Brown*, shall pay to the General Treasurer, on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of this Instant *August*, the Sum of Fifty Pounds, lawful Money, in Dollars, Treasurer's Notes, and lawful Money Bills emitted in the Year 1762, the Treasurer shall endorse the same on the Back of the Execution, and return the same for an Alias for the remaining Sum ; and the said *Edward Fenner* shall pay Interest for the remaining Sum due, until paid. And if it shall not be paid with Interest, as aforesaid, within Two Months from the Return of the First Execution, then the General Treasurer is hereby directed to issue out an alias Execution against the said *Edward Fenner* for the same, with Interest, returnable in Thirty Days from the Date thereof.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said *Edward Fenner*, as Town-Treasurer, shall have the same Power of returning his Execution against the Bondsmen of the said *John Brown*, and taking out an alias Execution against them, returnable at the same Time, and in the same Manner, as the General Treasurer hath against him.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer return the Executions taken out from the last Superior Court

Court held in the County of *Newport*, against the Town of *South-Kingstown*, to the next Superior Court to be holden in the same County, *unsatisfied*, and take out alias Executions for what shall then remain due. with all the Interest that is and shall be due thereon.

The Colony's Executions against *South-Kingstown* to be returned for alias Executions.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and *John Cole*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

Report upon *W. Wheaton's* Accounts.

PURSUANT to the Appointment of the General Assembly, we have examined the Accounts between the Colony and *William Wheaton*, Esq; and perused the Vouchers, and find the Accounts to stand agreeable to the State thereof, herewith presented.

Dr. William Wheaton, Esq; with the Colony of *Rhode-Island*,

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All which is submitted, by

Stephen Hopkins,
John Cole.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and hereby is accepted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That if the Town of *Westerly* shall pay One Half of what remains unpaid of the said Town's Proportion of the last Colony Tax, the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to receive the same, and issue out an alias Execution for the Remainder, returnable in Six Weeks, with the Interest accruing thereon.

The Colony's Execution against *Westerly* to be returned for an Alias.

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The Old Tenor in the Treasury to remain until further Orders.

It is Voted and Resolved, That no Part of the Bills of Public Credit of the Old Tenor, now in the General Treasury, be burnt until further Orders from this Assembly.

J. Tew, jun. allowed £. 2 10 9.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Tew*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Materials provided for, and Work done upon, the Gaol in the County of *Newport* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is allowed ; and that Two Pounds, Ten Shillings and Nine Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Tew*, out of the General Treasury.

T. Clark, jun. liberated from Gaol.

WHEREAS *Thomas Clark*, jun. of *Richmond*, in the County of *King's-County*, Cooper, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That, at the Superior Court of Judicature, held in the County of *King's-County*, in October last, he was sentenced to pay a Fine of One Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, and Costs ; upon which he now stands committed to Gaol in the said County : And that he is unable at present to pay any Part of the said Fine, and hath a Family of small Children : And thereupon prayed that he may be released from Gaol upon his giving his promissory Note for the Payment of the said Fine and Costs :

On Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said *Thomas Clark*, jun. be liberated from Gaol, upon his giving his promissory Note for the Payment of the said Fine and Costs to the Sheriff of the said County, for the Use of the Colony.

S. Willson's Estate ordered to be sold.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff levy the Fine of *Samuel Willson*, by Sale of his Lands ; or otherwise that the Sheriff execute proper Deeds, &c. That the Purchaser or Purchasers of the Lands enter thereon by the Twenty-fifth Day of March next : And that *James Helme*, and *Rowland Robinson*, Esq's, be a Committee to advise and assist in the Affair.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS divers Inhabitants of the Town of *Providence* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that the Street leading from the Court-House to the Main-Street, hath been, by the late heavy Rains, so gullied and worn as to render it almost impassable, and endanger the Foundation of the Court-House, so that unless it be repaired it must inevitably fall to the Ground : And that the Inhabitants of the said Town, as well as those of the adjacent Country, suffer many Inconveniences for Want of a Market-House ; Provisions being often almost spoiled by being carried about the Streets through wet and heat ; and Fish rendered more scarce than it would otherwise be, if they had a proper Place to expose it to Sale : And therefore prayed that they may have Liberty to raise a sufficient Sum of Money, by Way of Lottery, to pave and secure the said Court-House Street ; and also to build a public Market on the Town's Land, near the Bridge :

Lottery granted for building a Market-House, &c. in *Providence*.

On Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Petition be and the same is hereby granted : And that Messrs. *Moses Brown, William Russell, Amos Atwell, James Lovet, and Benjamin Cushing, jun.* be appointed Directors of the said Lottery ; they giving Bonds, in the usual Manner, as soon as the Sum to be raised shall be ascertained : Provided that no Expence accrue to the Colony thereby.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of *Edward Wells* be further referred to the next Session : And that *Edward Perry, Esq;* be, and he is hereby, appointed a Committee-Man, in the Room of Mr. *Stephen Haffard*, who declines serving : That the said *Edward Perry*, and *Thomas Wells, jun. Esqrs.* examine into the Facts set forth in the said Petition, and make Report at the next Session : And that in the mean Time Execution and all Proceedings be stayed.

E. Wells's Petition further referred.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That if the Town of *Portsmouth* shall pay into the General Treasury the Sum of Four Hundred and Twenty Pounds, lawful Money, of what remains due of the said Town's Proportion of the last Colony Rate ; and the Town of *North-Kingstown* shall pay One Hundred Pounds, lawful Money, the said

Time allowed to *Portsmouth, North-Kingstown, & Jamestown*, to pay their Rates.

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Towns shall be allowed One Month to pay the Remainder : And that the Town of *Jamestown* be allowed the same Time to pay in the Remainder of their Proportion of the said Rate ; the said Towns paying Interest for the same.

Light-Money raised.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Light Money to be paid for all the Vessels sailing out of this Colony be raised to Three Pence, lawful Money, per Ton, excepting Coasters, for which shall be paid the Sum of Two Shillings, lawful Money, for each Vessel.

Vote upon the Accounts of *Oliver Arnold*, deceased, the late Attorney-General.

THIS Assembly taking into Consideration the Account of *Oliver Arnold*, Esq; deceased, the late Attorney General for this Colony, *Do Vote and Resolve, and, It is hereby Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty Pounds, lawful Money, be paid at present, out of the General Treasury, to the Widow of the said *Oliver Arnold* : That the Clerks of the several Superior and Inferior Courts, within this Colony, do examine the Records of the several Courts, and make out Lists of the Attendance of the said *Oliver Arnold* at each respective Court, and certify if any King's Attorney was specially appointed at any of the Courts ; and also certify if any Orders have been given to the said *Oliver Arnold* for his Services : And that the General Treasurer of this Colony examine his Records to see whether the said *Oliver Arnold* hath received any Sum or Sums of Money out of the Treasury, for his Attendance or Service, and, if any, to make out an Account thereof, and make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

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Act apportioning the Tax.

AN ACT for assessing, upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, a Rate or Tax of Twelve Thousand Pounds, lawful Money.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is hereby Enacted, That a Rate or Tax of Twelve Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, shall be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, to be levied,

ed, collected, and paid into the General Treasury, on or before the First Day of May next ; Ten Thousand Pounds thereof to be applied towards sinking the lawful Money Bills of this Colony, emitted in the Year 1762, and the Treasurer's Notes given in Exchange for said Bills ; and Two Thousand Pounds to defray the exigent Charges of Government.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Collectors of the Rate or Tax shall receive Five Sixth Parts thereof in lawful Money Bills, emitted in the Year 1762, or the Treasurer's Notes given therefor, and One Sixth Part in Gold and Silver ; or, in lieu of said Bills and Treasurer's Notes, Gold and Silver ; upon which said Bills and Notes Interest shall be computed, and allowed to the said First Day of May next.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax shall be Six Pence for each and every Thousand Pounds : And that all Male Persons, of Twenty-one Years and upward, excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel, shall pay the Poll-Tax.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Rate or Tax shall be, and the same is hereby apportioned unto and upon the several Towns, in the following Manner, agreeable to the General Estimate, *that is to say :*

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| Newport shall Pay | £. 1870 | 18 | 10 |
| Providence, | 713 | 9 | 0 |
| Warwick, | 570 | 4 | 6 |
| Portsmouth, | 554 | 6 | 8 |
| Westerly, | 332 | 8 | 4 |
| New-Shoreham, | 147 | 9 | 6 |
| North-Kingstown, | 566 | 7 | 10 |
| South-Kingstown, | 1116 | 12 | 2 |
| East-Greenwich, | 287 | 0 | 8 |
| Jamestown, | 241 | 14 | 10 |
| Smithfield, | 584 | 4 | 2 |
| Scituate, | 431 | 1 | 6 |
| Gloucester, | 369 | 15 | 2 |
| Charlestown, | 274 | 3 | 6 |
| West-Greenwich, | 203 | 13 | 6 |
| | | | Coventry, |

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| Coventry, | 271 | 12 | 4 |
| Exeter, | 291 | 18 | 4 |
| Middletown, | 391 | 9 | 8 |
| Bristol, | 325 | 17 | 8 |
| Tiverton, | 427 | 9 | 6 |
| Little-Compton, | 375 | 2 | 6 |
| Warren, | 115 | 4 | 8 |
| Cumberland, | 215 | 18 | 10 |
| Richmond, | 210 | 10 | 10 |
| Cranston, | 396 | 15 | 2 |
| Hopkinton, | 281 | 8 | 6 |
| Johnston, | 164 | 1 | 8 |
| North-Providence, | 142 | 5 | 0 |
| Barrington, | 126 | 15 | 0 |

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AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Town, or Towns, which shall not pay in their Proportion of said Tax at the Time limited for the Payment thereof, as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum they shall be deficient, until the same is paid : And each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General Treasurer.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Assessors or Rate-makers shall assess and apportion the said Rate, or Tax ; and return a true Bill or List of the same, unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly. And the said Town-Clerk is directed, and hereby required, to send a Copy thereof, within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General-Treasurer, who is hereby directed and required to issue his Warrant within Four Days to the several Collectors of Rates or Taxes of the respective Towns, requiring them, in the King's Name, to levy, collect and pay unto the General-Treasurer, for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,
That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting it's Part of the aforesaid Rate or Tax.

AND

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,
That upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town in this Colony to assess, levy, and pay into the General Treasury, their Proportion of the said Rate or Tax, by the Time aforesaid, that the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized, empowered and directed, to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such delinquent Town, for their Proportion or Deficiency of the said Rate or Tax, immediately after the said First Day of May next, returnable within Thirty Days.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this Colony be, and he is hereby authorized, and empowered, to sue out, and prosecute the Bond, or Security, that shall be by him taken from the Collector of said Rate, or Tax, to a Special Inferior Court, in the County where such Bond or Security shall be so taken; and such Special Court shall be convened, have the same Power, and take the same Fees as Special Courts have heretofore had in this Colony. And the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to send Copies of this Act, to each and every Town-Treasurer in this Colony, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly; to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors, or Rate-Makers of his Town. And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General Treasury, before or at the Time limited in this Act.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Town-Clerks of the respective Towns in this Colony be, and they are hereby, required to send the Names of the Town-Treasurer and Collector of Rates of their respective Towns, to the General Treasurer, at the same Time they send a Copy of the Rate-List.

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WHEREAS the Hon. Stephen Hopkins, Esq; Gideon Comstock, Esq; and Mr. John Wanton (Son of Gideon) who were appointed by the Lower House a Committee to audit the Accounts of Major Charles Spooner, for re-

Report upon
C. Spooner's
Account who
is allowed
£. 249 4 10.

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pairing the Light-House, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

WE having examined the Accounts of Major *Charles Spooner*, and compared the same with the Vouchers, find the Sum of Two Hundred and Forty-nine Pounds, Four Shillings and Ten Pence, lawful Money, due to him from the Colony.

Stephen Hopkins,
Gideon Comstock,
John G. Wanton.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted : That the said Sum of Two Hundred and Forty-nine Pounds, Four Shillings and Ten Pence, lawful Money, be paid the said *Charles Spooner*, out of the General Treasury, upon his delivering to the General Treasurer the several Bills mentioned in his Account, with proper Discharges from the Persons to whom the Money is due.

H. Rice allowed £. 1
0 6.

WHEREAS *Henry Rice*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that One Pound, and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Henry Rice*, out of the General Treasury.

T. Spencer allowed £. 1
3 6.

WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Spencer* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that One Pound, Three Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Spencer*, out of the General-Treasury.

Choice of
Officers referred.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Election of Officers, not chosen at the Two preceding Sessions, be referred to the

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the next Session : And that in the mean Time the Persons now in Office be, and they are hereby, continued in their Offices with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time before had.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be delivered to the Clerk of each Town belonging to the County : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned until the last Tuesday in *October* next, if then called, but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is, dissolved.

G O D save the K I N G.

Published according to Order, on Monday the 2d of September, A. D. 1771, by

HENRY WARD, Sec'ry.

A TRUE COPY DULY EXAMINED :

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A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry Ward". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "WITNESS".

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations in New-England, in America*; begun and holden at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the said Colony; on the last Wednesday in *October*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one, and Twelfth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

Joseph Wanton, Esq; Governor,

The Honorable

Darius Sessions, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

SAMUEL DYRE, Esq;
SOLOMON DROWN, Esq;
DAVID HARRIS, Esq;
THOMAS WICKES, Esq;
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;
JOHN CONGDON, Esq;
JOSEPH HAZARD, Esq;
WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;

Assistants.

Mr. EDWARD THURSTON, jun. Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

Thomas Cranston, *Esq*;
 George Hazard, *Esq*;
 Joseph Wanton, *jun. Esq*;
 Mr. Oliver R. Warner,
 Mr. Thomas Freebody.

PROVIDENCE :

Stephen Hopkins, *Esq*;
 Mr. Moses Brown,
 Mr. Benjamin Man,
 Mr. John Jenckes.

PORTSMOUTH :

Metcalf Bowler, *Esq*.

WARWICK :

Mr. Benjamin Greene;
 James Arnold, *Esq*;
 Mr. Jacob Greene,
 Mr. Christopher Greene.

WESTERLY :

Mr. Phinehas Clark.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. Paul Niles,
 Mr. John Sands.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Mr. Ezekiel Gardner,
 John Northup, *Esq*.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

William Potter, *Esq*;
 Rowland Robinson, *Esq*.

EAST-GREENWICH :

Sylvester Sweet, *Esq*;
 Thomas Tillinghast, *Esq*.

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. George Tew,
 Mr. John Gardner.

SMITHFIELD :

Daniel Mory, *jun. Esq*;
 Welcome Arnold, *Esq*.

SCITUATE :

Ezekiel Cornell, *Esq*;
 Oliver Westcott, *Esq*.

GLOUCESTER :

Mr. Abraham Waterman,
 Mr. Thomas Wood.

CHARLESTOWN :

Mr. Nathan Kinyon,
 Benjamin Hoxsie, *Esq*.

WEST-GREENWICH :

William Nichols, *Esq*;
 Mr. Thomas Gorton.

COVENTRY :

Mr. Nathaniel Greene, *jun.*
 Ichabod Bowen, *Esq*.

EXETER :

George Pierce, *Esq*;
 Daniel Sunderlin, *Esq*.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Joshua Barker,
 Mr. William Taggart.

BRISTOL :

Mr. Christopher Ellery,
 Daniel Bradford, *Esq*.

TIVERTON :

Mr. Oliver Cook.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Thomas Church, *Esq*;
 Mr. George Pearce.

WARREN :

Mr. Cromel Child,
 Mr. James Miller.

CUMBERLAND :

John Dexter, *Esq*.
 Mr. Nathan Staples.

RICHMOND :

Edward Perry, *Esq*;
 Robert Stanton, *Esq*.

CRANSTON :

Gideon Comstock, *Esq*;
 James Harris, *Esq*.

HOPKINTON :

Thomas Wells, *jun. Esq*;
 Capt. Abel Tanner.

JOHNSTON :

Mr. Peleg Williams,
 Edward Fanner, *Esq*.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Capt. Efeck Hopkins,
 Thomas Whipple, *Esq*.

BARRINGTON :

Samuel Allen, (*the Second*) *Esq*.

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower House.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed one of the Directors of the Lottery, granted at the last Session, for securing the Court-House and building a Market-House in *Providence*, in the Room of *Amos Atwell*, Esq; who declined serving: And that in Case it be found necessary that other Directors be appointed to carry on and compleat the said Business, that such others as the Town of *Providence* shall approve of, shall have the same Power to act as if appointed by this Assembly; they giving Bond for the Performance of the said Trust, to the General Treasurer, agreeable to Law.

J. Bowen appointed a Director of the Lottery for Building a Market-House in *Providence*, &c.

Whereas Messrs. *Jeremiah Whipple*, *Benjamin Tower*, *David Dexter* and *Elisba Waterman*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That at the Session of this Assembly, held in October, A. D. 1770, they were appointed Directors of a Lottery to raise a Sum of Money, to rebuild the Bridge over *Pawtucket* River, between the Towns of *Smithfield* and *Cumberland*, called *Whipple's* Bridge: That they did raise the Sum of Four Hundred Dollars, with which, and an additional Sum by them advanced, they have made the said Bridge passable at present: And that one Half of said Bridge is covered with Plank almost worn out; so that they can last only a few Months. And therefore they prayed this Assembly to empower them to raise One Hundred Dollars more, by way of Lottery, to compleat said Bridge, and reimburse them the Money they have advanced, and to appoint a Committee to audit their Accounts. And that in Case there should be a small Sum remaining after the raising the said Sum of One Hundred Dollars, that it may be appropriated to the Use of said Bridge:

Lottery granted to compleat *Whipple's* Bridge, &c.

On Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Restrictions of giving Bond, &c.

Whereas divers of the Inhabitants of the Town of
North-

Lottery
granted to
repair a Road
in North-
Providence.

North Providence, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Road or Highway from *Providence* to *Smithfield*, leading by the Dwelling-Houses of Captain *Eseck Hopkins*, and *Isaiab Hawkins*, Esq. and a Branch of the Road to the Eastward of the Dwelling-House of Mr. *Jonathan Whipple*, is, by Reason of the Wetness of the Land, for about One Hundred and Fifty Rods, so muddy and miry, that at some Seasons of the Year it is almost impassable: That the said Road is much wanted to be used in passing through the Colony: And that the Inhabitants in that District are but few, which renders it very difficult to keep said Road in Repair: And therefore they prayed the Assembly to grant a Lottery, for raising the Sum of Sixty Pounds, Lawful Money, to be laid out in repairing the said Road, under the Direction of *Thomas Whipple*, Esq; Captain *Enoch Angell*, Mr. *Daniel Clark*, and Mr. *Hope Angell*:

On Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Restrictions of giving Bond, &c.

James Helme
allowed 25
Dollars.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-Five Dollars be allowed, and paid out of the General Treasury, to *James Helme*, Esq; for his Service in issuing Warrants for the apprehending a great Number of Persons concerned in breaking open the Gaol in *King's-County*, taking Examinations, binding several of them over, &c.

Committee to
audit the Ac-
counts of the
Directors of
*Pawtucket-
Bridge Lotte-
ry*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Welcome Arnold*, and *Daniel Mowry*, jun. Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Directors of the Lottery, for rebuilding the Bridge over *Pawtucket* River, between *Smithfield* and *Cumberland*; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

J. Jeffers al-
lowed
£. 0 14 7.

Whereas Mr. *Jonathan Jeffers* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for mending the Windows in the Prison House, at *Newport*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted*

Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Fourteen Shillings and Eleven Pence, Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Mr. *Samuel Carpenter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for attending as one of the Guard of *Sarah Crandal*, under Confinement upon Suspicion of Murder: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that one Pound, one Shilling, Lawful Money, being the Amount thereof be paid the said *Samuel Carpenter*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Carpenter
allowed £. 1.
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Whereas *James Tew*, jun. Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Work done upon, and Stuff provided for, the Gaol in the County of *Newport*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed; and that Two Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Tew*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

James Tew
allowed £. 2
16 6.

Whereas Mr. *Jonathan Jeffers* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time, Horse Hire and Expences, in carrying the Rate Bill to the Counties of *Providence*, *King's-County*, *Bristol* and *Kent*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed; and that One Pound, Nineteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, out of the General Treasury.

Jonathan
Jeffers allow-
ed £. 1 19 0.

Whereas Mr *George Lawton*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance and Prison Fees of divers poor Prisoners at the King's Suit: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Nineteen Pounds, Ten Shil-

George Law-
ton allowed
£. 19 10 4.

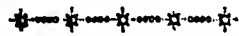
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lings and Four Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Lawton* out of the General Treasury.

Jacob Greene
appointed to
finish *Hunt's*
Bridge.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Jacob Greene*, be, and hereby is appointed, at the Charge of the Colony, to compleat the Building of *Hunt's* Bridge, after the Towns have finished the Abutments, and that Messrs. *Moses Brown* and *Benjamin Man* be, and they are hereby appointed to determine how far each Abutment shall extend into the River.



AN ACT for the more effectual Repairing the Highways in this Colony.

Act for the
more effectual
repairing
the High-
ways,

WHEREAS notwithstanding the Laws already made in this Colony, for the mending and repairing the Highways in the same, many of the Supervisors and Surveyors of such Ways neglect to do their Duty, in not causing such Highways to be duly mended and repaired :

For Remedy whereof for the future,

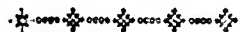
BE it Enacted by the General-Assembly of this Colony, and by the Authority of the same it is Enacted, That when, and so often as, any of the Highways in this Colony shall be so far neglected by the Surveyor, within whose proper District the same shall lie, that the same shall want mending and repairing, it shall and may be lawful for any Person to complain thereof, to any Justice of the Peace living in the Town where such Highway shall lie, who shall thereupon issue forth an Order to the Surveyor, within whose District such Highway lies, directing him to cause the same to be sufficiently mended and repaired, within Ten Days from the Delivery of such Order. Which Order may be delivered by the Person complaining, or any other suitable Person, at the Discretion of such Justice ; and if such Surveyor shall neglect or refuse to cause such Highways to be sufficiently repaired and mended, agreeable to such Order, that then such Justice shall issue forth his Warrant, directed to the Town-Serjeant, or either of the Constables of said Town,

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commanding him to cause such Supervisor to appear before him, there to find Sureties for his Appearance at the next General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in the County where such Offender lives, there to answer for his Neglect and Contempt aforesaid, where he may be prosecuted, by Bill, Plaint or Information, and no Plea of Non-Acceptance of such Office shall be admitted, unless he shall bring from the Town-Treasurer, a Certificate of his having paid his Fine for refusing to serve said Office, or other legal Discharge therefrom, and if found Guilty, shall be fined by said Court, not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor less than Forty Shillings, for the Use of the Town where the Offence shall be committed, and pay Costs of Prosecution and Conviction.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Supervisor of the Highways, in this Colony, shall neglect to warn the Inhabitants within his District, to work on said Highways at least Four Days in a Year, agreeable to the Laws of this Colony, and the Town-Treasurer of the Town where such Neglect shall happen, shall refuse or neglect to sue for and recover the Fine by Law established, for such Neglect, that in such Cases, at the next or some future Audit and Adjustment of the Accounts of such Treasurer, all such Fines and Forfeitures as he hath neglected to prosecute for, shall be charged against him in the Accounts with such Town; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Treasurer shall take and receive to his own Account, one Third Part of all such Fines by him recovered as aforesaid.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That the further Sum of Forty Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to Colonel *James Arnold*, and Mr. *Anthony Aborn*, to be applied towards the Building of *Pawtuxet Bridge*, upon Condition that the Neighbours of that Bridge will compleat it for that Sum.

£. 40 allowed to Pawtuxet Bridge.

WHEREAS

Lottery
granted for
building a
Steeple to
the Episco-
palian
Church in
Providence,
&c.

WHEREAS Messrs. *John Smith* and *John Innis Clark*, Wardens of the Episcopalian Church, in *Providence*, preferred a Petition, and represented to this Assembly, that the Congregation hath been at a very great Expence in repairing the Church, so that they are unable to build a Steeple and procure a Clock, which are much wanted, and will prove ornamental and serviceable to the Town: And therefore they prayed this Assembly to grant them Liberty to raise the Sum of Six Hundred Dollars, by a Lottery, for the Purpose aforesaid. And that the said *John Innis Clark*, *John Smith*, and Messrs. *Ebenezer Thompson* and *Joseph Nash*, may be appointed Directors to carry on the same :

On Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted under the usual Restrictions : And that in Case either or any of the Directors shall refuse to serve, that another or others shall be appointed in his or their Room, by the Society of the Church, he or they, who shall be so appointed, giving Bond as usual.

Lottery for
purchasing a
Parsonage
for the Con-
gregational
Society in
Providence.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Darius Sessions*, Esq; *Ephraim Bowen*, Esq; *Samuel Nightingale*, Esq; Mr. *Jacob Whitman*, and Mr. *James Greene*, the Committee of the Presbyterian or Congregational Society in *Providence*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that at the Session of this Assembly, held in *February*, A. D. 1763, a Lottery was granted for raising the Sum of Five Hundred and Sixty Pounds, lawful Money, to be applied to purchasing a Parsonage for the Use of said Society, necessary Charges for carrying the same into Execution being first deducted : That the said Lottery, by Reason of many unforeseen Difficulties, hath hitherto been delayed : That almost all the Managers have declined proceeding therein ; and that the Scheme of said Lottery is not thought so eligible as some other : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to give Liberty to adopt a new Scheme for raising the said Sum of Five Hundred and Sixty Pounds, lawful Money, for the Purpose aforesaid.

foresaid. That *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; Messrs. *Nathaniel Greene*, *Samuel Nightingale*, jun. *Charles Keen*, and *Paul Allen*, may be appointed Managers or Directors thereof: And that the Whole may be under the same Regulations and Restrictions as in the aforesaid Grant.

On Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be, and the same is hereby granted, under the usual Restrictions: And that in Case either, or any of the Directors shall refuse to serve, that another, or others shall be appointed in his or their Room by the said Society; he, or they, who shall be so appointed, giving Bond as usual.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer supply *William Brooks Simpson*, Esq; with the Sum of sixty Dollars, out of the General Treasury, to enable him to defend in the Suit, brought by Mr. *George Scott*, against the General Treasurer. *W. B. Simpson, allowed 60 Dollars.*

Whereas Col. *John Potter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for boarding *William Corming*, an Evidence for the King, against *Samuel Casey*, and others, who were tried for counterfeiting Money: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed; and that Two Pounds Seven Shillings and Four Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Potter*, out of the General Treasury. *J. Potter allowed £. 2 7 4.*

Whereas *Beriah Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *King's County*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

In Obedience to the Vote of the General Assembly, at their Session in August last, I have liberated *Thomas Clarke*, jun. from his Majesty's Gaol in *South-Kingstown*, and have taken his promissory Note, payable to the General Treasurer, for the Use of the Colony, for One
C Hundred
Report of B. Brown, respecting T. Clarke.

Hundred and Thirteen Pounds, Twelve Shillings, and Five Pence, One Farthing, lawful Money, and have taken the General Treasurer's Receipt for the same :

And the said Report being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted.

G. Tefft allowed
£. 3 11 6.

Whereas Mr. *George Tefft* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Iron Work, for the Gaol in *King's County*, for making Irons for *Cesar*, a Negro Man, committed to said Gaol, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that Three Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Tefft*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Albro allowed
£. 10.

Whereas Mr. *Jeremiah Albro*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *King's County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Support and Prison Fees of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that Ten Pounds, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jeremiah Albro*, out of the General Treasury.

Clerk of the
Inferior
Court in
Newport to
procure a
new Book of
Records.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Clerk of the Inferior Court, for the County of *Newport*, procure a new Book for recording the Judgments of said Court : And that he draw Money out of the General Treasury to pay for the same, and lay an Account of the Cost thereof before this Assembly, at the next Session.

P. Phillips
allowed
£. 9 10.

Whereas *Peter Phillips*, late Sheriff of the County of *King's County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against this Colony, for his Fees at *August* Inferior Court, *King's County*, 1767, in the Case, the King against *Abraham Wilcox* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the
same

same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that Nine Pounds, Ten Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, together with Interest from the Time the same became due, be paid the said *Peter Phillips*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas Mr. *Anthony Holdon*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for repairing the said Gaol : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that Sixteen Shillings, and Eleven Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Anthony Holdon*, out of the General Treasury.

A. Holdon
allowed
£. 0 16 11.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Seventy-five Dollars be paid out of the General Treasury, to Mr. *Nathaniel Greene*, jun. by him to be applied towards rebuilding the Bridge called *Brayton's Bridge*.

75 Dollars
allowed for
repairing
Brayton's
Bridge.

Whereas *Thomas Aldrich*, and *John Northup*, Esqrs. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for their Service as a Committee, in examining the several Judgments obtained by the Colony against *Philip Tillinghast* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that One Pound, Four Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Thomas Aldrich* and *John Northup*, out of the General Treasury.

T. Aldrich
and *J. Northup*.

Whereas Mr. *Benjamin Greene*, who was appointed one of the Directors of a Lottery, granted for raising Money to pave *Kingsstreet*, in *Newport*, is dead, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Town of *Newport* be empowered to appoint a Director in his Room, and also a Director or Directors, in the Room, or Rooms of any one or more of the Directors, who may refuse to serve ; the Persons so appointed giving Bond as usual.

Town of
Newport
empowered
to appoint
Directors of
Kingsstreet
Lottery.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Time for the Assessors

fors

Time for re-
turning the
Rate-Bills
prolonged.

sors of the last Rate, returning of the several Rate-Bills to the General Treasurer be lengthened Two Months : And that the General Treasurer be, and is hereby empowered to issue his Warrants accordingly.

New Gaol to
be built in
Newport.

It is Voted and Resolved, That a new Gaol be built in the Town of *Newport.*

J. Potter
allowed
£. 1 10.

Whereas Col. *John Potter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Use of a Room in his House, in which the Upper House sat during the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined ; *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the same be, and hereby is allowed : And that one Pound, Ten Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *John Potter*, out of the General Treasury.

Sheriff of
King's County
to sell *Sam.*
Willson's
Estate.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *King's County* proceed directly to the Sale of the Lands of *Samuel Willson*, for collecting the Fine upon him assessed : That, if no Purchaser appear to bid a Sum for the same equal to said Fine, the Persons appointed to assist in the Sale, in Behalf of the Colony, bid a Sum equal to the said Fine : And that in such Case the Sheriff make a Deed thereof to the General Treasurer, for the Use of the Colony.

Justices of
the Superior
Court to in-
quire into *N.*
Barber's Se-
curity.

Whereas it hath been suggested unto this Assembly, that the Security taken from *Nathan Barber*, for the Fine assessed upon him by the Superior Court, is insufficient for the same, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved,* That the Justices of the Superior Court inquire into the Affair, and do that which to Right and Justice doth appertain, for securing and obtaining said Fine.

Commission-
ers for build-
ing the Gaol
in *Newport.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That the new Prison-House, to be built in *Newport*, be Thirty-six Feet wide, and not exceeding Forty-five Feet in Length : That Mr. *Oliver Ring Warner*, Mr. *Thomas Freebody*, *Walter Chaloner*, Esq; *Job Bennet*, Esq; and Mr. *John Wanton* (Son of *Gideon*) be a Committee to procure Materials for building

ing the same at Cash Price: That nothing be purchased but by Agreement of the major Part of the Committee: That they be empowered to draw Money out of the General Treasury for that Purpose: And that the said Committee inquire into the Value of the old Prison-House, and endeavour to find the best Place in *Newport* to erect the new one upon.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Benjamin Man* be, and he is hereby appointed, to finish the Court-House in *Providence*, and to draw a sufficient Sum of Money out of the General-Treasury, for that Purpose.

Court-House in *Providence* to be finished.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *William Greene*, and *Thomas Aldrich*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed to finish the Court-House in *East-Greenwich*, and to draw a sufficient Sum of Money out of the General-Treasury, for that Purpose.

Court-House in *East-Greenwich*, to be finished.

WHEREAS the Deputies of the Towns of *Warwick*, *North-Kingstown*, and *East-Greenwich*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, praying that a Lottery may be granted, for raising One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, to build the Abutments of the Bridge, ordered to be built over *Hunt's* River, (the Overplus, if any, to be appropriated as this Assembly shall think fit) and that said Lottery may be managed by *William Greene*, *William Hall*, *John Northup*, and *Sylvester Sweet*, Esqrs. or any three of them.

Lottery granted to build the Abutments of *Hunt's* Bridge.

On Consideration whereof,

In is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the foregoing Petition be granted under the usual Restrictions, of giving Bond, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to cause two fair Copies of the Draught of the Letter to the Earl of *Hillborough*, now lying before this Assembly, to be made, and transmit them to his Lordship; and also to transmit two Copies thereof to the Agent.

Letter to be transmitted to Lord *Hillborough*.

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to be paid to
the Admini-
stratrix of *Oli-
ver Arnold's*
Estate.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Seventy-one Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Five Pence, lawful Money, being the Balance due from the Colony, to *Oliver Arnold, Esq;* late Attorney General, at the Time of his Decease, be paid out of the General Treasury, to the Widow and Administratrix of the said *Oliver Arnold*.

T. Tefft
allowed
£. 0 12 0.

Whereas *Mr. Tennant Tefft*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for one Cord of Wood, delivered at the Court-House, in *King's County*: And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, that the same be, and is hereby allowed; and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *Tennant Tefft*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Willson's
Estate to be
discharged
in Case.

It is Voted and Resolved, That upon *Samuel Willson's* paying to the Sheriff of *King's County*, One Thousand Dollars, at or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* next, and giving to the General Treasurer of this Colony the Security of *Rowland Robinson, Esq;* *William Potter, Esq;* or *Mr. John Watson, jun.* for the Sum of One Thousand Dollars more, to be paid into said Treasury, within one Year from the Payment aforesaid, that then the Estate of said *Willson* shall be discharged from any Demands of the Colony, respecting his Fine for counterfeiting Money.

W. Carlile
liberated
from Gaol.

Whereas *William Carlile*, one of the Persons concerned in counterfeiting Money, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that at the Superior Court of Judicature, held in *South-Kingstown*, in *April* last, he received Sentence to pay a Fine of One Hundred Pounds, lawful Money: That being unable to pay any Part thereof, he was committed to Gaol, where he hath remained ever since, at a considerable Expence to the Colony: And that he hath a Wife and several small Children, who depend upon his Labour for Support, and must come upon the Town if he is confined any longer. And thereupon he prayed that he may be discharged from his Confinement.

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On Consideration whereof.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said *William Car-
lile* be discharged from Gaol, by the Sheriff of the
County of *King's County*, from his Commitment for the
Non-payment of the Fine aforesaid, and Costs, he giv-
ing his Note of Hand, payable upon Demand, to the
General Treasurer, for the Use of the Colony, for the
Amount of the said Fine, with Interest, and paying down
the Costs and Prison Expences.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Act for the more
effectual repairing the Highways in this Colony, be im-
mediately published in the *Newport Mercury* and *Provi-
dence Gazette*.

Act for the
better repair-
ing High-
ways to be
published in
the News-
Papers.

WHEREAS Mr. *Ebenezer Tafft* exhibited unto this
Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colo-
ny, for cleaning the Court-House, in the County of
King's County, Attendance upon this Assembly, &c.
And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted
and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ;
and that One Pound, One Shilling and Three Pence,
lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the
said *Ebenezer Tafft*, out of the General Treasury.

E. Tafft al-
lowed £. 1
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WHEREAS Mr. *Josiah Shearman* exhibited unto this
Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Co-
lony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the pre-
sent Session: And the said Account being duly examined,
It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby
is allowed ; and that Fourteen Shillings, lawful Money,
being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *Josiah
Shearman*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Shearman
allowed £. 0
140.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Daniel Mowry*, jun.
Esq; and Mr. *John Jenckes*, be, and they are hereby
appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *John
Dexter*, Esq; and Captain *Stephen Jenckes*, the Commit-
tee appointed to build *Pawtucket Bridge*.

Committee
to audit the
Accounts
of *J. Dexter*
& *S. Jenckes*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Richard Chappel* exhibited unto this
Assembly

R. Chappel
allowed £. 0
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Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed; and that Fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid, to the said *Richard Chappel*, out of the General Treasury.

Choice of Officers referred.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Election of Officers, not chosen at the last General Election, nor since, be referred to the next Session : And that, in the mean Time, the Persons now in Office be, and they are hereby continued in their Offices, with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time before had.

Adjournment.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred unto the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be delivered to the Clerk of each Town belonging to the County : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned until the first Tuesday in *May* next, if then called, but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is, dissolved.

G O D save the K I N G.

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At the GENERAL-ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New-England*, in *America*, begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the said Colony, on the First Wednesday in *May*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, and Twelfth of the Reign of his Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain* and so forth.

P R E S E N T

The Hon. Joseph Wanton, Esq;

G O V E R N O R.

The Honorable Darius Sessions, Esq;

D E U T Y - G O V E R N O R.

SAMUEL DYRE, Esq;
SOLOMON DROWN, Esq;
DAVID HARRIS, Esq;
JOHN ALMY, Esq;
THOMAS WICKES, Esq;
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;
JOHN CONGDON, Esq;
JOSEPH HAZARD, Esq;
WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;

Assistants,

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

D E P U T I E S from the feveral T O W N S.

NEWPORT :

Thomas Cranston, *Efq*,
 Mr. John Wanron, (*Son of Gideon*),
 George Hazard, *Efq*;
 Joseph Wanton, *jun. Esq*;
 Mr. Oliver R. Warner,
 Mr. Thomas Freebody.

PROVIDENCE :

Stephen Hopkins, *Efq*;
 Thomas Greene, *Efq*;
 Mr. Benjamin Man,
 Mr. John Jenckes.

PORTSMOUTH :

Metcalf Bowler, *Efq*;
 John Jepson, *Efq*;
 Mr. Joseph Cundall,
 Mr. Jonathan Brownell.

WARWICK :

Mr. Benjamin Greene,
 Mr. Samuel Aborn,
 Mr. Jacob Greene,
 Mr. Christopher Greene.

WESTERLY :

Mr. James Rhodes,
 Mr. Phinehas Clark.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Peter Phillips, *Efq*;
 John Northup, *Efq*.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

John Rose, *Efq*;
 Mr. Samuel Babcock.

EAST-GREENWICH :

Sylvester Sweet, *Efq*;
 Thomas Tillinghast, *Efq*.

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. John Gardner,
 Capt. Samuel Slocum.

SMITHFIELD :

Welcome Arnold, *Efq*.

SCITUATE :

Ezekiel Cornell, *Efq*;
 Mr. Rufus Hopkins.

GLOUCESTER :

Abraham Waterman, *Efq*;
 Mr. Thomas Wood.

The Hon. METCALF BOWLER, Esq; was chosen Speaker, and JOSIAS LYNDON, Esq; Clerk, of the Lower House.

CHARLESTOWN :

Mr. Samuel Kinyon,
 Benjamin Hoxsie, *jun. Esq*.

WEST-GREENWICH :

William Nichols, *Efq*;
 Mr. Thomas Gorton.

COVENTRY :

Mr. Nathaniel Greene, *jun.*
 Ichabod Bowen, *Efq*.

EXETER :

George Pierce, *Efq*;
 Jeffery Wilcox, *Efq*.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Joshua Barker,
 Mr. Isaac Smith.

BRISTOL :

Simeon Potter, *Efq*;
 William Bradford, *Efq*.

TIVERTON :

Edward Gray, *Efq*;
 Mr. Oliver Cook.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Thomas Church, *Efq*;
 Mr. George Pearce.

WARREN :

Sylvester Child, *Efq*;
 Nathan Miller, *Efq*.

CUMBERLAND

John Dexter, *Efq*;
 Joseph Brown, *Efq*.

RICHMOND :

Edward Perry, *Efq*;
 Robert Stanton, *Efq*.

CRANSTON :

John Andrews, *Efq*;
 William Dexter, *Efq*.

HOPKINTON :

Thomas Wells, *jun. Esq*.
 Capt. Abel Tanner.

JOHNSTON :

Peleg Williams, *Efq*.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Capt. Efeck Hopkins,
 Jonathan Jenckes, *jun. Esq*.

BARRINGTON :

Nathaniel Martin, *Efq*.

THIS being the anniversary Election of Officers, both Civil and Military, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List were chosen to serve the Colony, in the Offices ascribed to their respective Names, *to wit* :

The Hon. JOSEPH WANTON, Esq; Governor. Engaged.

The Hon. DARIUS SESSIONS, Esq; Dep. Gov. Engaged.

Samuel Dyre, Esq; First Assistant. Engaged.

James Barker, Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.

Solomon Drown, Esq; Third Assistant. Engaged.

David Harris, Esq; Fourth Assistant. Engaged.

John Almy, Esq; Fifth Assistant. Engaged.

Thomas Wickes, Esq; Sixth Assistant. Engaged.

Jonathan Randall, Esq; Seventh Assistant. Engaged.

John Congdon, Esq; Eighth Assistant. Engaged.

Rowland Robinson, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.

William Richmond, Esq; Tenth Assistant. Engaged.

Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.

Henry Marchant, Esq; Attorney-General.

Joseph Clarke, Esq; General Treasurer. Engaged.

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| Stephen Hopkins, Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delive- ry, in and throughout the Colony. |
| James Helme, Esq; | Second | |
| Benoni Hall, Esq; | Third | |
| Metcalf Bowler, Esq; | Fourth | |
| Stephen Potter, Esq; | Fifth | |

Daniel Dunham, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Knight Dexter, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Thomas Gardner, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

Simeon Potter, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

John Waterman, Esq; Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Isaac Dayton, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Abraham Winsor, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Moses

Moses Barber, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

Nataniel Martin, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

Aaron Bowen, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

John Forrester, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Chad Brown, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Jonathan Vaughan, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *King's-County*.

Thomas Gray, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

Benjamin Vaughan, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

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| <i>George Hazard</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Newport</i> . |
| <i>Jonath. Freeborn</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>William Stoddard</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Thomas Church</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Benjamin Underwood</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Daniel Jenckes</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Providence</i> . |
| <i>Richard Steere</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Job Randall</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Jeremiah Whipple</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Caleb Aldrich</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>William Potter</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>King's-County</i> . |
| <i>Joseph Hazard</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Simeon Perry</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Sylvester Robinson</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>John Northup</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Nathaniel Fales</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Bristol</i> . |
| <i>William Munro</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>James Brown</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Martin Luther</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Josiah Humphry</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Philip Greene</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kent</i> . |
| <i>Thomas Aldrich</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Stephen Arnold</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>William Nichols</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>John Warner</i> , jun. Esq; | Fifth | |

John

John Grealea, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Arthur Fenner, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Daniel Rodman, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *King's-County*.

Jonathan Russell, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Hopkins Cooke, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Josias Lyndon, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Caleb Greene, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Stephen Hassard, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *King's-County*.

Daniel Bradford, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Daniel Howland, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Walter Chaloner, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

Paul Tew, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff, of the County of *King's-County*.

John Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

Henry Rice, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*.

Edward Thurston, *John Jepson*, *Samuel Chace*, and *James Arnold*, Esqrs. the Grand Committee, or Colony's Trustees, for signing Bills of public Credit.

And the aforesaid *Edward Thurston* is chosen, and especially appointed to take and have the Care and Charge

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of the Colony's Mortgages, and Bonds for Tenths, and to receive the Money due, and to be due thereon, and also to make proper Acquittances and Discharges upon the Mortgages, or otherwise, when he receives any of the Colony's Money : And in Case of Non-payment, to put in Suit the Bonds and Mortgages of all such as refuse, or neglect to make due Payment.

And the same *Edward Thurlston* is chosen General Sealer of Weights and Measures, throughout the Colony.

Samuel Chace, Esq; Public Notary for the Town and County of *Providence*.

JUSTICES of the PEACE, in the several Towns.

NEWPORT :

Martin Howard,
Charles Bardin,
Henry Ward,
Barnabas Hargill,
Samuel Bours,
Robert Taylor, (*Son of Peter*)

John Grealea, *jun.*
John Davis,
Jonathan Easton,
James Milward,
Daniel Dunham,
Jonathan Rogers,
John Pitman,
James Tew, *jun.*
James Carpenter,
Thomas Hamand,
James Clarke, *Esqrs.*

PROVIDENCE :

Samuel Chace,
Amos Atwell,
John Foster,
David Wilkinson,
Joseph Nash,
Samuel Butler,
Jabez Bowen, *Esqrs.*

PORTSMOUTH :

John Shearman,
Robert Dennis,
Thomas Shearman, *Esqrs.*

WARWICK :

Ebenezer Slocum,
John Greene,
Thomas Rice,
Robert Rhodes, *Esqrs.*

WESTERLY :

Joseph Crandall,
Oliver Crarey,
William Babcock,
Joseph Noyes,
Humphry Taylor,
John Burdick, (*the Second*)
Joseph Clarke, *Esqrs.*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

William Hammond,
Thomas Allen, *jun.*
George Thomas, (*Son of Samuel*)

Benjamin Jefferson,
Eber Shearman,
Caleb Hill,
Robert Hall, (*Son of William*)

Samuel

Samuel Hunt, *jun. Esqrs.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

John Sheldon,
Freeman Perry,
Ray Sands,
Nathaniel Gardner,
Immanuel Case,
James Parker, *Esqrs.*

EAST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Shippey,
Sylvester Sweet,
Thomas Casey,
Hopkins Cooke,
Alexander Nichols, *Esqrs.*

SMITHFIELD.

Daniel Mowry, *jun.*
Stephen Arnold,
Daniel Smith, (*Son of Eli-*
sha)

John Farnum,
Welcome Arnold,
William Winfor, *Esqrs.*

SCITUATE :

Ezekiel Cornell,
Jeremiah Angell,
Oliver Westcot,
Thomas Brown,
Thomas Hill,
Josiah Colvin,
Peleg Fisk,
Thomas Harris, *Esqrs.*

GLOUCESTER :

Andrew Brown,
Timothy Wilmarth,
Silas Williams,
Jonathan Harris,
Zebedee Hopkins, *jun.*
Caleb Arnold,
Moses Cooper,
Abraham Waterman, *Esqrs.*

CHARLESTOWN :

Peleg Crofs,

Job Taylor,

Stephen Perry,
Tobias Saunders,
Thomas Stanton, *jun. Esqrs.*

WEST-GREENWICH :

Judiah Aylworth,
Job Spencer,
Gideon Tripp,
Thomas Tillinghast, *Esqrs.*

COVENTRY :

John Rice,
Samuel Wall,
Joseph Whipple, *Esqrs.*

EXETER :

George Pierce,
Hopson Wilcox,
Jeffery Wilcox,
Gideon Mosher,
Joseph Arnold,
Robert Crandall,
William Sweet, *Esqrs.*

MIDDLETOWN :

Joseph Peabody,
John Barker,
Thomas Peckham, *Esqrs.*

BRISTOL :

William Hoar,
Daniel Bradford, *Esqrs.*

TIVERTON :

John Bowen,
Walter Cook,
Benjamin Hambly,
Joseph Tabor, *jun. Esqrs.*

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Israel Stoddard,
Aaron Wilbour,
Philip Taylor,
John Peckham, *Esqrs.*

WARREN :

John Kinnicut,
William T. Miller, *Esqrs.*

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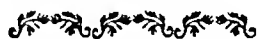
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| CUMBERLAND : | HOPKINTON : |
| John Dexter, | John Maxson, <i>jun.</i> |
| Joseph Brown, | Thomas Wells, <i>jun.</i> |
| Peter Darling, | Nathan Burdick, |
| Nathaniel Shepherdson, | Edward Wells, |
| <i>Esqrs.</i> | David Randall, <i>Esqrs.</i> |
| RICHMOND : | JOHNSTON: |
| Edward Perry, | Abraham Belknap, |
| George Webb, | Noah Matthewson, |
| Robert Stanton, | Josiah King, |
| Benjamin Tafft, | Peleg Williams, |
| Barnabas Hoxsie, | Andrew Harris, <i>Esqrs.</i> |
| Stephen Potter, <i>Esqrs.</i> | NORTH-PROVIDENCE : |
| CRANSTON : | Edward Tripp, |
| William Burton, | Isaiah Hawkins, |
| Thomas Potter, (<i>Son of</i> | Thomas Whipple, |
| <i>John</i>) | Jonathan Jenckes, <i>jun.</i> |
| Benjamin Carpenter, | <i>Esqrs.</i> |
| William Dexter, | BARRINGTON : |
| James Harris, <i>Esqrs.</i> | Solomon Towsend, <i>jun.</i> |
| | Moses Tyler, <i>Esqrs.</i> |

Thomas George, Captain of Fort George.

Henry Rice
allowed
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WHEREAS *Henry Rice*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account by him charged against the Colony, for providing Three Dozen of Chairs, and Wood for the Court-House, in the County of *Kent*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Seven Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Henry Rice*, out of the General Treasury.



AN ACT incorporating *Field's Fountain-Society*.

WHEREAS by certain Indentures in Writing, dated the Seventh Day of *March*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, between *John Field*, of *Providence*, in the County of *Providence*, in this Colony, Gentleman,

Act incorpo-
rating *Field's*
Fountain-So-
ciety.

Gentleman, of the one Part, and *James Black, Nathaniel Greene, Joseph Bucklin, and Zephaniab Andrews*, all of *Providence*, aforesaid, Merchants, of the other Part, the said *John Field* granted unto them, One Halt Part of a large Spring, or Fountain of Water, in said *Providence*, in order that the same might be conveyed, by means of Pipes or an Aqueduct, as far as *Weybosset* Bridge, for the better supplying themselves with good and wholesome Water, and such others who should join in the Undertaking of making, repairing and continuing the said Works, as in and by said Indentures may appear: And whereas divers Persons, hereafter named, have joined the said *James Black, Nathaniel Greene, Joseph Bucklin* and *Zephaniab Andrews*, in the said Undertaking: And whereas the said Work will be of a public Utility, and cannot be carried on and continued, unless those concerned therein be vested with certain Powers, and corporate Rights and Privileges: And this Assembly being willing to give all due Countenance and Encouragement to so beneficial a Design, do, for themselves and their Successors, Enact, Grant, Ordain and Declare, and, by the Authority vested in them, It is Enacted, Granted, Ordained and Declared, That the said *James Black, Nathaniel Greene, Joseph Bucklin, and Zephaniab Andrews*, together with *Amos Atwell, Stephen Rawson, Benjamin Man, Nathaniel Jacobs, Elisha Robinson, Ebenezer Thompson, James Angell, Moses Brown, Joseph Kinnicut, Stephen Whipple, Eleazer Harding, William Wheaton, John Matthewson, Gideon Young, Nathan Waterman, Joseph Martin, Benjamin Lindsey, Ezeck Eddy, Phinebas Potter, Jonathan Ellis, Ephraim Peabody, Samuel Black, John Larcher, Abiel Smith, Reuben Potter, Ephraim Walker, William Barton, Robert Dickey, George Brown, jun. Asa Franklin, Samuel Butler, Edward Hawkins, Benjamin Tallman, Nicholas Clark, Timothy Gladding, Job Danforth, Allin Peck, Thomas Rone, and Naomi Kinnicut*, with such others as the said Society shall from Time to Time admit, as joint Members with them, shall be a Body, Corporate and Politic, with perpetual Succession, to be known in the Law, by the Name of FIELD'S FOUNTAIN-SOCIETY, and by that Name to sue or be sued, and to take and receive Gifts and Grants, with full

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Power to do every lawful Matter and Thing, for the complete Execution of said Design: And that to this End, the said Company shall have an annual Meeting on the last Wednesday in May, and at such other Times as they may be convoked, in Manner hereafter mentioned, and at such Place as they shall, from Time to Time, direct: At which Meeting, the said Society shall have full Power to make and enact any By-Laws and Regulations, for the making, repairing and continuing said Aqueduct, to appoint such Officers as to themselves shall seem necessary, to assess and levy Monies on themselves for said Purpose, in such Way and Manner as they shall judge best, and to cause all their Laws and Orders, not repugnant to the Laws of this Colony, to be carried into full Effect and Execution. *Provided always*, That at said annual Meeting, among other Officers; they shall appoint a Committee, who shall have the whole Direction and Management of every Matter and Thing about said Work, and how, and in what Manner, the same shall be repaired and continued; and also in what Manner and to whom leading or conducting Pipes shall be formed, from the main Aqueduct, and that every Member of said Society shall have full Liberty, at his own Expence, to convey Water from the main Aqueduct to his House, under the Direction of the aforesaid Committee, for the Use of One Family. And in Case more Families than One on the Estate shall be supplied with Water, by Means of such Pipe, the Proprietor thereof shall be subject to an annual Taxation by said Committee, for all Families ~~more than One~~, ^{and not to exceed Six Shillings} of a Sum not to exceed Six Shillings, and the same to be applied as the said Society shall direct.

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the said Society shall appoint a Clerk, who shall make Record of all Grants, Leases and Agreements, respecting said Aqueduct, and all such By-Laws and Regulations as they may from Time to Time make and pass.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That if any special Occasion shall make it necessary to hold

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hold a Meeting at any other Time than on the said last Wednesday in May, the same may be done by the major Part of the said Committee applying to the Clerk, who shall thereon issue his Warrant, directed to any Member, or the proper Officer, for calling the same.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Society shall and may, at all Times, forever hereafter, have full and free Liberty to dig in any of the Streets, Lanes, or Highways, for sinking and making said Aqueduct, and all the Pipes leading therefrom, and for repairing the same; they, the said Society, leaving the said Streets, Lanes, or Highways, in as good Order as they were before, and doing the same as soon as may be.

Whereas Messrs. *Jonathan Jeffers* and *Benjamin Wilbour* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by them charged against the Colony, for providing Glafs, and mending the Windows in the Court-House, in the County of *Newport*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed; and that Twenty-six Pounds, Eleven Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers* and *Benjamin Wilbour*, out of the General Treasury.

*J. Jeffers and
B. Wilbour*
allowed
£. 26 11 0.

Whereas Mr. *John Hookey* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for attending as One of the Guard of *Sarah Crandall*, suspected of murdering her Child: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be allowed and paid the said *John Hookey*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Hookey
allowed
£. 1 16 0

Whereas Mr. *John Carter* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for inserting divers Acts of Assembly in the *Providence Gazette*, &c. And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Two Pounds, Twelve Shillings

J. Carter
allowed
£. 2 12 6

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Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amouut thereof, be paid the said *John Carter*, out of the General Treafury.

E. Simmons
allowed
£..1 4 0.

Whereas Capt. *Edward Simmons* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Pair of Andirons for the Court-House in *Newport*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed; and that One Pound, Four Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Edward Simmons*, out of the General Treafury.

Lottery
granted to
repair a Road
in *Gloucester*.

Whereas divers of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Gloucester* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that some Part of the Road, beginning near the middle of the Town of *Killingsley*, leading through the said Town of *Gloucester*, and through a Corner of the Town of *Smithfield*, into the Road from *Providence* to *Woodstock*, called the *South-Killingsley Road*, is so bad that it is almost impassable: That the Inhabitants settled near the bad Part of the said Road are but few in Number, and unable to make the same a good Road: That they have great Encouragement from many of the Inhabitants of the Colony of *Connecticut*, that in Case a Lottery be granted for repairing said Road, they will purchase a considerable Number of the Tickets: And that making the said Road a good One will be of great Advantage to the Public: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery, to consist of three Classes, if the Directors shall think it best, for raising the Sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars, to be laid out in mending the aforesaid Road in the most rough and unpassable Part of it: That *Zebedee Hopkins*, jun. Esq; *Caleb Arnold*, Esq; and Capt. *John Wells*, may be appointed Managers or Directors thereof, &c.

On Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That a Lottery be granted, in the usual Manner, for repairing the said Road, the Directors therein mentioned giving Bond to the General Treasurer

Treasurer for the faithful Performance of the Trust reposed in them: Provided that no Charge accrue to the Colony in Consequence thereof.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Samuel Babcock be, and he is hereby, appointed to dispose of those Goods belonging to the Colony, which are now in the Possession of Mr. Josiab Tanner.

S. Babcock to sell the Colony's Goods, in the Hands of J. Tanner.

Whereas Mr. John Tanner, deceased, late Collector of Rates for the Town of Hopkinton, died before he had collected the Whole of the Rates assessed on said Town, for the Year 1770, although he had fully accounted for the same in his Life-time, to the General Treasurer: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to empower Mr. Thomas Wells, the Third, the present Collector of said Town, to collect the said outstanding Rates, for the Year 1770, that the same may be received by the Heirs and Representatives of the said John Tanner.

Collector of the Rates in Hopkinton to levy the Rates not paid to the former Collector.

Whereas the Town of Coventry requested this Assembly, That the General Treasurer might be directed to issue a Warrant for collecting the public Taxes of said Town, which was not done in Season, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed, and fully empowered, to issue his Warrant for the Purpose aforesaid: And that Forty Days, from and after the Rising of this Assembly, be allowed to the said Town for collecting, and paying the Taxes, with the Interest, into the General Treasury.

Gen. Treasurer to issue a Warrant to the Collector of Rates for Coventry.

Whereas Messrs. Robert Stevens and Son exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for two Pair of large Blankets, delivered the Sheriff of the County of Newport, for the Use of the poor Prisoners, committed to Gaol at the King's Suit: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed; and that Three Pounds, Seven Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Robert Stevens and Son, out of the General Treasury.

R. Stevens and Son allowed £. 37 6.

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Whereas

J. Belcher
allowed
£. 10 7½

Whereas *Joseph Belcher*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Pair of Tongs, Shovel and Candlesticks, delivered the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, for the Use of the Court-House : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed ; and that One Pound and Seven Pence Half Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Joseph Belcher*, out of the General Treasury.

R. Lillibridge
allowed
£. 3 4 6.

Whereas Mr. *Robert Lillibridge*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, as one of the Guard of *Sarah Grandall*, for attending upon the Superior Court, at the Trial of several Criminals, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Three Pounds, Four Shillings, and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be allowed and paid the said *Robert Lillibridge*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

Plan of the
new Gaol in
Newport ap-
proved.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to build the new Gaol, in *Newport*, proceed to build the same, agreeable to the Plan presented to this Assembly, excepting that the Front be made two Feet longer than was before ordered, and the Entry be Ten Feet wide : And that no Money be drawn out of the General Treasury, without the Consent of the Major Part of the Committee.

Screws, &c.
taken from
Willson and
Cassey, to be
sold.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *King's-County* take into his Possession the Screws, Bars, and other Implements for counterfeiting Money, which were taken from *Samuel Willson* and *Samuel Cassey* : That he procure the same to be detaced, and rendered unfit for the Use aforesaid, and dispose of them to the best Advantage, for the Use of this Colony : And that he make Report of his Doings unto this Assembly.

G. Lawton
allowed
£. 16 1 7½

Whereas Mr. *George Lawton*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony,
for

for the Maintenance and Prison Fees of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that Sixteen Pounds, One Shilling and Seven Pence Half Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Lawton*, out of the General Treasury.

Whereas *Henry Harry, Christopher Harry, James Daniel, Samuel Niles, James Niles, Ephraim Cobear, Thomas Lewis, John Shattock, and Joseph Tucky*, the Council for the Tribe of *Narragansett* Indians, in this Colony, represented unto this Assembly, that they are all of Opinion, it will be best to sell the little House, and the Two Acre Lot, and the Wood Lot, (the exact Quantity not being ascertained) and as much of *Fort-Neck*, as will pay all *Thomas Ninigret's* just Debts; and that they are all of one Mind, to sell so much of *Fort-Neck*, as will pay those Debts, and to reserve the Lands which will be left, to support all their Poor :

Com. to settle *T. Ninigret's* Debts, &c. to sell Land agreeable to the Proposals of the Indians.

On Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to sell a Part of the real Estate of *Thomas Ninigret*, the late Sachem, for the Payment of his Debts, proceed to do the same, agreeable to the above mentioned Proposal.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Ninety Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, towards rebuilding *Pawtucket* Bridge, provided the Inhabitants of the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* raise Money, and build One of the Abutments: And that Messrs. *Eseck Hopkins* and *Stephen Jenckes* be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee, and empowered to draw the said Sum out of the General Treasury, and to lay out the same for the Purpose aforesaid: And that they procure the Materials at Cash Price.

£. 90 allowed to re-build *Pawtucket* Bridge.

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Insolvent Act
repealed.

Be it Enacted by the General Assembly, and, by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the Act passed by this Assembly, at the Session held at East-Greenwich, on the Third Monday in August, -A. D. 1771, entitled, An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors, be, and it is hereby repealed, and rendered null and void for the future.

C. Earl al-
lowed
£. 1 6 0.

Whereas Mrs. Catharine Earl, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by her charged against the Colony, for billeting a Party of His Majesty's Troops, passing through this Colony: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Nine Pounds, Six Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Catharine Earl, out of the General Treasury.*



Act in Addi-
tion to the
Act for cal-
ling Special
Courts.

AN ACT in Addition to, and in Amendment of, an Act, entitled, *An Act empowering the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in this Colony, or any Three of them, to constitute and hold Special Courts of Common Pleas, on certain Occasions.*

*And the Defendant shall
file his Answer Four Days
before the Sitting thereof.*

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority of the same, *It is Enacted, That, for the future, when any Person in this Colony shall have Right by Law, to commence a Suit to a Special Court, the Writ shall be served and returned Six Days before the Day of the Sitting of such Court, and the Declaration shall be filed in the Clerk's Office Five Days before the Sitting thereof: And if no Answer shall be filed, then the Chief Justice of the Inferior Court, where said Action is brought, or One of his Associates, shall have Power to make up Judgment against the Defendant by Default: But if the Defendant shall file an Answer to the Plaintiff's Declaration, then the Chief Justice, or One of his Associates, as aforesaid, upon Application made to him, shall grant forth his Notifications in Writing, under his Hand, to the other Justices of such Inferior Court,*
warning

warning them to meet at the Day by him appointed for holding such Special Court.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Sheriffs of the several Counties, upon being sued at a Special Court, for the Laches of any of their Deputies, shall have the same Power of calling a Special Court against the Bondsmen of such Deputy, for whose Negligence they shall be sued, as they had before against the Deputy himself.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Officers of the several Troops of Horse and Companies of Foot, in this Colony, be continued in their respective Offices, until further Orders from this Assembly, with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time had.

Militia Officers continued.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Metcalf Bowler, Esq; Job Bennet, Esq; and Mr. Pardon Tillinghast, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to audit the Naval Officer's Accounts with the Colony: And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to audit the Naval Officer's Accounts.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Thomas Greene and John Andrews, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to receive of Caleb Harris, Esq; the late Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Providence, the Books of Record, Files of Papers, Seal, and all other Things belonging to that Office, and deliver them to Caleb Greene, Esq; the present Clerk, giving and taking Receipts for the same: And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to receive from the late, and deliver to the present Clerk of the Inferior Court, in Providence, the Seal, Records, &c.

The Attornies having been obliged to attend this Assembly constantly, during the present Session, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That Two Days longer than the usual Time be allowed to file Declarations to the next Inferior Court, to be holden in the County of Newport: And that the Thursday before the Court be the last Day of filing Answers to said Court.*

Time for filing Declarations to May Court lengthened.

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Whereas

O. Arnold's
Heirs allow-
ed, £. 26.

Whereas Mrs. *Elizabeth Arnold*, Widow of *Oliver Arnold*, Esq; late Attorney-General of this Colony, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, charged against the Colony, for his Fees upon several Indictments found by the Grand Jurors, at the Courts in the Counties of *Providence*, *King's-County*, and *Kent*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Twenty-six Pounds, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Elizabeth Arnold*, out of the General Treasury.

Attornies ap-
pointed to
defend in the
Suit brought
by *Smithfield*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Joseph Aplin* and *William Brooks Simpson*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, appointed, to defend the Action brought by the Town of *Smithfield*, against the General Treasurer, at *Providence*, *December Term*, A. D. 1771; which Action now stands continued to *June Term* next, at said *Providence*.

J. Honyman
allowed £. 7.

Whereas *James Honyman*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Fees (as Kings-Attorney, specially appointed by the Court) upon several Indictments, found by the Grand Jurors, at the Courts held in the Counties of *Newport* and *King's-County*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Seven Pounds, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Honyman*, out of the General Treasury.

The Gov. al-
lowed £. 30,
and the Dep.
Gov. £. 15.

It is Voted and Resolved, That there be allowed and paid, out of the General Treasury, to his Honour the Governor, the Sum of Thirty Pounds, lawful Money, and to his Honour the Deputy-Governor, the Sum of Fifteen Pounds, lawful Money, for their Salaries and extraordinary Services, the last Year.

Gen. Trea-
surer to give
Notes for
Old Tenor.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer receive all such Old Tenor Bills of Credit, as shall be brought to him before the next Session of this Assembly, and give his Notes therefor.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Five *T. George* allowed *£. 5.*
Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General Treasury, unto *Thomas George*, Captain of Fort *George*, for his Salary for the Year past.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Draught of a Letter to Admiral *Montagu* be approved: That his Honour the Governor be, and hereby is requested to transmit the same to the Admiral; and also to transmit to the Secretary of State, as soon as may be, a Narrative containing all the Proceedings referred to in the said Letter, together with a Copy of the Admiral's Letter, and the said Answer; and to lay a Copy thereof before this Assembly at the next Session. *Letter to Admiral Montagu approved.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. Oliver Ring Warner* be, and he is hereby appointed, a Committee-Man, in the Room of *Mr. Thomas Freebody*, for repairing the Wharf at *Goat-Island*: That the Committee immediately repair said Wharf sufficiently, and be, and hereby are, empowered to draw Money out of the General Treasury to effect the same: And that all the Soldiers, in Pay at the Fort, be employed in the Work, as the Committee shall think proper. *Com. to repair the Wharf at Goat-Island.*

Whereas *Mr. Jeremiab Albro*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in the County of *King's County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the King's Suit: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that One Pound, Five Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jeremiab Albro*, out of the General Treasury. *J. Albro allowed £. 15 0*

Whereas *Mr. Solomon Southwick* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Proceedings of this Assembly, for inserting divers Acts in the *Newport Mercury*, for furnishing Paper for a Book of Records, for the Clerk of the Inferior Court of *Bristol*, &c. And the said Account being *S. Southwick allowed £. 16 2 1½*

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ing duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Sixteen Pounds, Two Shillings, and One Penny Half Penny, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Solomon Southwick*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Sheffield
allowed
£. 0 12 0.

Whereas Mr. *Jeremiah Sheffield* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for making a Coffin for *Cæsar*, a Negro, executed at *South-Kingstown*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jeremiah Sheffield*, out of the General Treasury.

D. W. Hookey
allowed
£. 3 14 3½

Whereas Mr. *Daniel W. Hookey* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for attending as One of the Guard of *Sarah Crandall*, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Three Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Three Pence, Three Farthings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be allowed and paid the said *Daniel W. Hookey*, out of the General Treasury.

The Time
for paying in
the Rate pro-
longed.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Sixty Days longer be allowed the Collectors of the several Towns, in this Colony, to collect and pay in the Tax assessed in *August* last: That they pay Interest for such Sums as are now unpaid, from the first Day of *May* Instant, until the Day the Money shall be paid into the General Treasury: And that the General Treasurer be, and hereby is, directed, after the Expiration of the said Sixty Days, to issue Executions against the several Collectors, who shall not at that Time pay in the several Sums, which they are to collect.

Individuals
to pay Inter-
est.

And It is further Voted and Resolved, That the several Collectors of Taxes, within this Colony, be, and they are hereby, empowered to collect Interest for all the Taxes now unpaid, from the Individuals who have not paid the same.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That for the future the Secretary furnish the respective Clerks of the Superior and Inferior Courts, in this Colony, with the Schedules, containing the Acts and Orders of this Assembly.

Schedules to be sent to the Clerks of the Superior and Inferior Courts.

Whereas Mr. *William Croffing*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for attending as One of the Guard upon *Sarah Grandall*, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Three Pounds and Nine Pence, lawful Money, thereof, be allowed and paid the said *William Croffing*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

W. Croffing, jun. allowed
£. 3 0 9.

Whereas Mr. *Daniel Dunbam*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for attending as one of the Guard of *Sarah Grandall*, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Two Pounds, Nine Shillings, and Six Pence, lawful Money, thereof, be allowed and paid the said *Daniel Dunbam*, out of the General Treasury.

D. Dunbam, jun. allowed
£. 2 9 6.

Whereas Mr. *Ebenezer Davenport* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for attending as One of the Guard upon *Sarah Grandall*: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Six Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Ebenezer Davenport*, out of the General Treasury.

E. Davenport allowed
£. 0 6 0.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary of the Colony issue Citations to the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, and to all Persons employed in the several Counties by him, to deliver to the Persons appointed in the Counties, by the Colony, all the Papers belonging to the several Counties: That the several Officers take Charge of all the Business already commenced: And that the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, together with *George Taylor*, *Hezekiah Babcock*, *Josiah Finney*, and *Thomas Aldrich*, the Persons who have been employed in the Colony's Service, by the Keeper of the

The Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, and others, to give an Account of the Colony's Mortgages, and Bonds, &c.

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Grand Committee's Office, and Daniel Rodman, be cited by the Secretary, to be and appear before this Assembly at the next Session ; and to come prepared with the whole Accounts of all their Transactions relative to the Colony's Mortgages and Bonds, and all the Monies they have collected, and an Account in whose Hands the Remainder lies, which is not collected.

Town of
New-Shore-
ham to be
cited to ap-
pear at next
Session.

Whereas Complaint hath frequently been made to this Assembly, That, through the Combination of the Inhabitants of the Island of *New-Shoreham*, no Writ of Mesne Process or Execution can be served upon any of the said Inhabitants, who do thereby, in a great Measure, evade Justice : For Remedy whereof, this Assembly have thought proper, that some more effectual Laws, than are now in Force, be made, particularly for the Inhabitants of said Island : And that the said Town may have a full hearing, before any such Laws be made, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Clerk of the Lower House be, and he is hereby, directed to issue forth a Notification to the Inhabitants of the said Island of *New-Shoreham*, to appear before this Assembly, at the next Session, to be held by Adjournment, at *Newport*, on the Third *Monday* in *August* next, to shew Cause, if any they have, why more effectual Laws should not be made, particularly for the Inhabitants of *New-Shoreham*, for bringing them to Justice.

J. Helme and
R. Robinson
allowed
£. 1 16 0

Whereas *James Helme*, and *Rowland Robinson*, Esqrs. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for securing the Screws and Presses of *Samuel Casey*, and *Samuel Willson*, for the Use of the Colony, for making a Journey to *Richmond*, to view *William Reynolds's* Estate, for taking Possession of *Willson's* Land, and releasing him from Gaol : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and is hereby allowed ; and that One Pound, Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *James Helme*, and *Rowland Robinson*, Esqrs. out of the General Treasury.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying be- Adjournment
fore this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby
referred unto the next Session : That the Secretary pub-
lish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of
Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, in Ten Days after the
Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies
thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be delivered
to the Clerk of each Town belonging to the County : And
that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned until the
third Monday in *August* next, then to meet at *Newport*.

G O D save the K I N G.

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AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations* in *New-England*, in *America*; begun and holden by Adjournment, at *Newport*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the Third Monday in *August*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, and Twelfth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T,

The Honorable

Joseph Wanton, Esq; Governor,

The Honorable

Darius Sessions, Esq; Deputy-Governor,

SAMUEL DYRE, Esq;

JAMES BARKER, Esq;

SOLOMON DROWN, Esq;

DAVID HARRIS, Esq;

JOHN ALMY, Esq;

THOMAS WICKES, Esq;

JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;

JOHN CONGDON, Esq;

ROWLAND ROBINSON, Esq;

WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;

} Assistants.

The SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

D E P U T I E S from the several T O W N S.

The Honorable METCALF BOWLER, *Esq*; Speaker.

NEWPORT:

Thomas Cranston, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Wanton, (*Son of Gideon*)
 George Hazard, *Esq*;
 Joseph Wanton, *jun. Esq*;
 Mr. Oliver R. Warner,
 Mr. Thomas Freebody.

PROVIDENCE:

Stephen Hopkins, *Esq*;
 Thomas Greene, *Esq*;
 Mr. Benjamin Man,
 Mr. John Jenckes.

PORTSMOUTH:

Mr. Speaker,
 John Jepson, *Esq*;
 Mr. Joseph Cundall,
 Mr. Jonathan Brownell.

WARWICK:

Mr. Jacob Greene,
 Mr. Christopher Greene.

WESTERLY:

Mr. James Rhodes,
 Mr. Phinehas Clarke.

NEW-SHOREHAM:

Mr. John Sands.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

Peter Phillips, *Esq*;
 John Northup, *Esq*.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Rose, *Esq*;
 Mr. Samuel Babcock.

EAST-GREENWICH:

Sylvester Sweet, *Esq*;
 Thomas Tillinghast, *Esq*.

JAMESTOWN:

Mr. John Gardner,
 Mr. Samuel Slocum.

SMITHFIELD:

Samuel Winfor, *Esq*;
 Welcome Arnold, *Esq*.

SCITUATE:

Ezekiel Cornell, *Esq*;
 Mr. Rufus Hopkins.

GLOUCESTER:

Abraham Waterman, *Esq*;
 Mr. Thomas Wood.

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower-House.

CHARLESTOWN:

Mr. Samuel Kinyon,
 Benjamin Hoxsie, *jun. Esq*.

WEST GREENWICH:

William Nichols, *Esq*;
 Mr. Thomas Gorton.

COVENTRY:

Mr. Nathaniel Greene,
 Ichabod Bowen, *Esq*.

EXETER:

Jeffery Wilcox, *Esq*.

MIDDLETOWN:

Mr. Joshua Barker,
 Mr. Isaac Smith.

BRISTOL:

William Bradford, *Esq*.

TIVERTON:

Edward Gray, *Esq*;
 Mr. Oliver Cooke.

LITTLE-COMPTON:

Thomas Church, *Esq*;
 Mr. George Pearce.

WARREN:

Sylvester Child, *Esq*;
 Nathan Miller, *Esq*.

CUMBERLAND:

John Dexter, *Esq*;
 Joseph Brown, *Esq*.

RICHMOND:

Edward Perry, *Esq*;
 Robert Stanton, *Esq*.

CRANSTON:

William Dexter, *Esq*.

HOPKINTON:

Thomas Wells, *jun. Esq*;
 Capt. Abel Tanner.

JOHNSTON:

Peleg Williams, *Esq*;
 Edward Fenner, *Esq*.

NORTH PROVIDENCE:

Capt. Efeck Hopkins,
 Jonathan Jenckes, *jun. Esq*.

BARRINGTON:

Nathaniel Martin, *Esq*;
 Mr. James Brown.

WHEREAS divers Inhabitants of the Town of *Newport* Lottery granted to complete the paving of King-Street, in *Newport*. preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That at the Session of this Assembly, held in *February*, A. D. 1768, a Lottery was granted to raise the Sum of 500 Dollars, to be applied towards the paving of *King-Street*, in *Newport* aforesaid : That the Directors have accordingly raised the said Sum, but find it insufficient for that Purpose, owing to the Situation of the Street, which rendered the making a large common Sewer necessary ; the Charge whereof was much greater than it was estimated at : And that the finishing the said Street, upon the Plan proposed, will not only make it very elegant, but extremely useful to the Inhabitants of the said Town in general : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to enable them to raise a further Sum of Money, sufficient to complete the paving and other necessary Repairs of the said Street, by a Lottery, to consist of One or more Classes, as the Directors shall think most prudent : That the present Directors may be continued, and empowered to perform the said Business : And that if any of them shall refuse, the Town of *Newport* may appoint One or more Directors in his or their Stead, refusing ; the Person or Persons so to be appointed giving Bond in the usual Manner :

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Restrictions : Provided that the Colony incur no Expence in Consequence thereof.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to procure the Schedules now lying before this Assembly, together with the Acts and Orders which shall be passed by this Assembly at the present Session, to be bound. Schedules to be bound.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Dexter*, Esq; *Mr. Oliver Ring Warner*, and *Mr. Rufus Hopkins*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill to empower the several Town-Councils, in this Colony, to lay out Drift-Ways, as well as Highways. Committee to prepare a Bill for laying out Drift-Ways.

IT

Committee to
prepare a Bill
for levying a
Tax.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Wickes*, Esq; *George Hazard*, Esq; and the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for levying a Tax upon the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Committee to
prepare a Bill
for destroying
Barberry-
Bushes.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Jepson*, Esq; and *Mr. John Jenckes*, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for destroying Barberry Bushes throughout this Colony.

Lottery
granted to
repair the
Bridge near
Furnace
Unity.

WHEREAS *John Dexter*, and *Joseph Brown*, Esquires, Deputies from the Town of *Cumberland*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Bridge built over *Pawtucket River*, between the Towns of *Smithfield* and *Cumberland*, aforesaid, near the *Furnace Unity*, so called, which was First built by Lottery, hath, by Length of Time, and the great Floods in the said River, during the last Winter, become almost impassable, and, unless repaired, will very soon become useless : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them another Lottery to raise the Sum of Forty Pounds, lawful Money, to repair the said Bridge : And that *Abner Lapham*, Esq; and Capt: *John Fisk*, of said *Cumberland*, may be appointed Managers thereof :

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, It is Enacted, That the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Restrictions : Provided that no Expence be incurred by the Colony in Consequence thereof.

*G. Wain-
wood* natu-
ralized.

WHEREAS *Godfrey Wainwood*, of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Baker, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That he is a Native of the Kingdom of *Prussia*, but hath for several Years resided in this Colony, with his Family, and acquired some Estate therein : And therefore prayed this Assembly to pass an Act of Naturalization in his favour :

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority

thority thereof, It is Enacted, That the aforesaid Petition be granted : And that the said *Godfrey Wainwood*, be, and he is hereby, naturalized, and forever hereafter shall be adjudged, deemed, and taken to be naturalized, to all Intents and Purposes, and hereby is rendered equal, in every respect, to a freeborn Subject of this Colony : Provided he take the proper Oaths.

WHEREAS divers of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Barrington* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Congregational Meeting-House in said Town is very much out of Repair : That the laying out Three Roads, One to the Southward, and Two to the Westward of the said Meeting-House, will greatly accommodate the Inhabitants and Travellers towards *Fuller's Ferry*, and the Meeting-House : And that their Circumstances are such they cannot effect the same, without the Interposition of this Assembly : And therefore prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery, upon such Scheme as the Managers shall think proper, to raise the Sum of One Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds, lawful Money ; One Hundred and Ten Pounds, thereof to be appropriated towards repairing the said Meeting-House, and the Remainder towards opening or laying out the said Highways : And that *James Brown*, *Josiah Humpbry*, *Nathaniel Martin*, *Samuel Allen*, and *Edward Bosworth*, Esquires, may be appointed Managers of the said Lottery :

Lottery granted for repairing the Congregational Meeting-House in Barrington, &c.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Restrictions : Provided that no Expence be brought upon the Colony thereby.

WHEREAS the Honorable *Darius Sessions*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Expences he was at in going to *Pawtuxet*, and taking Evidences respecting the Loss of His Majesty's Schooner *Gaspee* ; for Cash paid for victualing while on Shore, and carrying on Board the *Beaver*, the People belonging to said Schooner, and Provisions during their Passage ; for Cash paid for the Hire and Expences

Deputy Governor allowed £. 9. 1. 9. $\frac{1}{2}$.

ces of an Express sent to *Newport*, to his Honor the Governor, with an Account of the said Affair, and Copies of the Depositions ; and for Cash paid for defraying the Charge of taking up, and securing, sundry Stores belonging to the said Schooner : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is, allowed ; and that Nine Pounds, One Shilling, and Nine Pence, Half-penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Darius Sessions* out of the General Treasury.

S. Aborn allowed £. 11. 18. 2. $\frac{1}{4}$.

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Aborn* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Expences of taking up, and securing, the Anchors, Guns, and other Stores of His Majesty's Schooner, the *Gaspée*, &c, And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Eleven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, and Two Pence, Half-penny, lawful Money, being the Balance thereof, be paid the said *Samuel Aborn*, out of the General Treasury.

The Governor's Proceedings respecting the burning of the *Gaspée*, approved.

WHEREAS his Honor the Governor hath laid before this Assembly a full and particular Narrative of the Measures he hath pursued in Consequence of the burning of His Majesty's Schooner, the *Gaspée* ; and of the Steps he hath taken to discover the Perpetrators of that atrocious Piece of Villany :

Upon due Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the whole of his Honor's Proceedings be approved ; and that his Honor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit a Copy thereof to the Agent of the Colony, in *Great-Britain* ; and to pursue such further Measures respecting the said Affair, during the recess of the General Assembly, as shall appear necessary.

The Reward offer'd in the Proclamation to be paid out of the General Treasury.

AND whereas his Honor issued a Proclamation, promising a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, Sterling, to any Person or Persons who shall discover the Persons guilty of the said Crime : *It is therefore further Voted and Resolved*, That this Assembly will make Provision for paying the abovementioned

tioned Reward, in Case any Person or Persons shall be entitled thereto.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That no Copies of Letters, or other Proceedings, relating to the abovementioned Affair, be delivered out by the Secretary to any Person or Persons whomsoever.

No Copies of the Proceedings to be delivered out.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Letter from his Honor the Governor, to the Right Honorable the Earl of Hillsborough, of the 20th of May last, containing a Narrative of the Proceedings respecting his Honor's calling Lieutenant *Dudington* before him, &c. be, and the same is hereby, approved.

The Governor's Letter to Lord Hillsborough, approved.

WHEREAS *Joseph Rhodes*, of *Cranston*, Cooper, hath in his Hands the Sum of Seventy-nine Dollars, belonging to Lieutenant *Dudington*, which he refuseth to deliver : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor, and the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, requested and empowered to make Inquiry into that Affair, and to settle all Differences between the Parties : And that if the said *Rhodes* will not comply therewith, they advise said *Dudington* to the proper Method for obtaining his Right.

Committee to inquire respecting Money in the Hands of *J. Rhodes*, belonging to Lieut. *Dudington*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *James Brown*, jun. Esq; be, and he is hereby, chosen and appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Barrington*, in Addition to those already chosen.

J. Brown, jun. appointed a Justice for *Barrington* ; & *G. H. Peckham* a Justice for *Newport*.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That *George Hazard Peckham*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, chosen and appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Newport*, in Addition to those already chosen.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Dunham*, jun. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for apprehending, committing, and attending upon the Examination of, *Robert Clark*, and others, accused of Theft and Robbery : And the said Account being duly examined, *It Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound, Eighteen Shillings, and Three Pence, lawful Money, being Part thereof, be allowed and paid the said *Daniel Dunham*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

D. Dunham, jun. allowed £. 1. 18. 3.

WHEREAS *Job Bennet*, Esq; *George Hazard*, Esq; and Mr.

Report of the
Committee
upon the Se-
cretary's Ac-
count.

Mr. *William Ellery*, who were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Henry Ward*, Esq; with the Colony, presented unto this Assembly a State of his Account, together with their Report thereon, and also an Account, by them charged against the Colony, as followeth, *to wit* :
Dr. *The Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, with Henry Ward*

| To the Amount of my Account from <i>August</i> , 1762, to <i>August</i> , 1763, as per Account of Particulars here-with exhibited, | £. 2192 2 2 | Old Ten. | L. M. |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------|
| To ditto from <i>August</i> , 1763, to <i>September</i> , 1764, as per ditto, | 796 0 4 | £. 48 4 1½ | |
| To ditto from <i>September</i> , 1764, to <i>September</i> , 1765, as per ditto, | | 103 17 9½ | |
| To ditto, from <i>September</i> , 1765, to <i>September</i> , 1766, as per ditto, | | 60 5 11 | |
| To ditto from <i>September</i> , 1766, to <i>August</i> , 1767, as per ditto, | | 92 16 10½ | |
| To ditto from <i>August</i> , 1767, to <i>September</i> , 1768, as per ditto, | | 61 6 6 | |
| To ditto from <i>Sept.</i> 1768, to <i>September</i> , 1769, as per ditto, | | 98 2 7½ | |
| To ditto from <i>September</i> , 1769, to <i>September</i> , 1770, as per ditto, | | 63 11 2½ | |
| To ditto from <i>September</i> , 1770, to <i>August</i> , 1771, as per ditto, | | 59 17 10½ | |
| To ditto from <i>August</i> , 1771, to this Day, as per ditto, | | 39 4 10 | |
| | £. 2987 2 6 | £. 627 7 8½ | |
| | | Creditor. | |

| | | Creditor. | Old. Ten. L. M. | | |
|-------|---|---|-----------------|----|----|
| 1762, | } | By the old Colony Seal, | | | |
| Oct. | | broke and sold to J. Otis, | £. 17 | 10 | 0 |
| 1763, | } | By Cash received of the | | | |
| Aug. | | General Treasurer at different Times, | 2535 | 1 | 3 |
| 1764, | } | By ditto, | £. 1618 | 9 | 6 |
| Sept. | | | 434 | 11 | 3 |
| 1765, | } | By ditto, | 1947 | 14 | 5 |
| Sept. | | | | | |
| 1766, | } | By Balance due to | | | |
| Feb. | | the Colony as a Commissioner at New-York, | £. 13 | 13 | 6 |
| Sept. | By Cash received of the General Treasurer at different Times, | | 1574 | 11 | 0 |
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| | | | £. 5140 | 14 | 11 |

£. 5140 14 11 Old Tenor, is equal to 192 15 7

| | | | |
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| 1767, Sept. | By ditto, | 46 5 1 | |
| 1768, Sept. | By ditto, | 17 14 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ | |
| 1769, Sept. | By ditto, | 11 14 6 | |
| 1770, Sept. | By ditto, | 11 1 2 | |
| 1771, Aug. | By ditto, | 29 5 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ | |
| 1772, Aug. | By ditto, | 32 4 10 | |
| | Balance due to <i>Henry Ward,</i> | 272 13 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
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| | | <i>£.</i> 2987 2 6 | <i>£.</i> 627 7 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
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Newport, August 15th, 1772.

Errors excepted,
per *Henry Ward.*

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the General Assembly, a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Henry Ward,*
C Esq;

August, 1772.

Esq; Secretary, with the Colony, do report, that we have carefully examined the same, and do find the Balance of Two Hundred and Seventy-Two Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, and Three Pence Half-penny, lawful Money of this Colony, due to him thereon, as appears by the foregoing State of his Account.

WE submit this Report to the Honorable General Assembly; and are their most humble Servants,

Newport, August 17th, 1772.

*Job Bennet,
George Hazard,
William Ellery.*

Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. Dr. to *Job Bennet, George Hazard, and William Ellery,*

For our Service in auditing the above Account, One Day each, at 6s. per Day, £. 0 18 0

Secretary allowed £. 272 13 3½.

*Job Bennet,
G. Hazard
and W. Ellery* allowed £. 0 18 0.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report be accepted: That Two Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Three Pence Half-penny, lawful Money, being the Balance of the said Account, be paid the said *Henry Ward*, out of the General Treasury: And that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount of the Account of the Committee, be paid the said *Job Bennet, George Hazard, and William Ellery*, out of the General Treasury.

Colony's Executions against *William Haile* discharged.

WHEREAS *William Haile*, of *Warren*, in the County of *Bristol*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That at the Inferior Court held at *Bristol*, in *July*, A. D. 1771, Two Judgments were obtained against him, at the Suit of the Colony, upon Bonds by him given for Loan Money: And that by various Misfortunes he is become so poor that he is unable to pay any Part thereof: And therefore the said *William Haile* prayed this Assembly that the Executions, on the said Judgments, may be annulled: And the said Petition being duly considered, *It is*

is Voted and Resolved, That the said *William Haile* be, and he is hereby, discharged from the said Executions.

WHEREAS Mr. *George Lawton*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of *Newport*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance and Prison Fees of divers poor Prisoners at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Four Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Three Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Lawton*, out of the General Treasury.

George Lawton allowed
£. 4 18 3.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the following Officers be, and they are hereby, chosen and appointed to command the Third Company of Militia, or Trained-Band, in the Town of *Gloucester*, to wit :

Officers for
the 3d Com-
pany of Mi-
litia in *Glou-
cester*.

Aaron Lewis, Captain,
Abraham Winsor, Lieutenant,
Elisba Brown, Ensign.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Executions, issued by the General Treasurer, against the several Collectors of Rates, which are returnable on the Nineteenth Instant, be, and they are hereby, suspended until Friday, the Twenty-first Instant : And that the said Collectors remain in Custody until that Time.

Executions
against the
Collectors of
Rates sus-
pended.

WHEREAS *William Brooks Simpson*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Fees, as Attorney for the Colony, in the Action brought by Mr. *George Scott*, against the General Treasurer ; and for his Time, Horse-hire and Expences in performing Two Journies to *Boston*, to attend upon the said Cause : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Thirteen Pounds, Nineteen Shillings, lawful Money; being the Balance thereof, be paid the said *William Brooks Simpson*, out of the General Treasury.

William B. Simpson al-
lowed £. 13
19 0.

IT

W. Bradford
allowed £. 3
0 0.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to *William Bradford*, Esq; as Counsel for the Colony, in the Action brought by Mr. *George Scott*, against the General Treasurer.

S. Southwick
allowed £. 8
10 8.

WHEREAS Mr. *Solomon Southwick* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Acts and Orders of this Assembly, passed in *May* last; for printing a Proclamation, Treasurers Warrants, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Eight Pounds, Ten Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Solomon Southwick*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Jeffers, S. Brown, and John Simpson
allowed £. 2
5 0.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Jonathan Jeffers*, *Samuel Brown*, and *John Simpson*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for sweeping and cleaning the Court-House in *Newport*, and sawing Wood for the Use of the Courts, from *June*, A. D. 1771, to *June*, A. D. 1772: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed; and that Two Pounds, Five Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, *Samuel Brown*, and *John Simpson*, out of the General Treasury.

Com. to prepare a Bill to permit Inoculation.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. *Eseck Hopkins*, Mr. *Oliver R. Warner*, *Nathan Miller*, Esq; and the Secretary, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for permitting Inoculation for the Small-Pox in this Colony; and that they present the same to this Assembly as soon as conveniently may be.

Com. to audit the Accounts of G. Brown and J. Andrews.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Jepson*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed (in the Room of *Daniel Ayrault*, Esq; deceased) One of the Committee, to join with *Paul Tew*, Esq; and Mr. *Edward Thurston*, jun, to audit the Accounts of *George Brown*, and *John Andrews*, Esqrs. with

with the Colony : And that the said Committee make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Speaker of the Lower House, *George Hazard*, Esq; *Thomas Greene*, Esq; the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and *Job Bennet*, Esq; be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Edward Thurston*, Esq; Keeper of the Grand-Committee's Office, from the Time of his First Appointment to that Office : And that the said Committee make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to audit the accounts of the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office.

WHEREAS Messrs. *John Greene* and Company, and *Griffin Greene*, all of *Coventry*, and *Nathaniel Greene*, and Company, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that on the Night of the 17th Instant, the Buildings of the Forge, in said *Coventry*, of which they were Owners, were entirely consumed by Fire : That the Loss is so great that they cannot repair it without Assistance : That some of them are considerably indebted, have increasing Families to maintain, and by the said Misfortune are deprived of their principal Dependence : That although they, the Petitioners, are the immediate Sufferers, yet many others must consequentially share in the Calamity, as a considerable Part of the Country adjacent were employed by Means of said Forge ; which also furnished a very material and expensive Article for Shipping : And that, if the said Forge be not repaired, the Anchor-Works, which still remain, will be in a Manner useless : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery, to raise the Sum of Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars, under the Direction of Messrs. *William Greene*, *Christopher Greene*, and *Charles Holdon*, they giving Bond for the faithful Performance of the said Trust :

Lottery granted to *John Greene* and others, to raise 250 Dollars.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.

Report of the Committee who audited the Naval Officer's accounts.

WHEREAS *Metcalf Bowler*, Esq; *Job Bennet*, Esq; and
D Mr.

Mr. *Pardon Tillinghast*, who were appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer, presented unto this Assembly a State of his Account, together with their Report thereon ; and also an Account, by them charged against the Colony, *to wit* :

| | | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------|----|------------------|
| Dr. Light-House, on <i>Beaver-Tail</i> , to <i>James Clarke</i> . | | | | |
| 1771, | } To Cash paid <i>James Robinson</i> | | | |
| July 17. | | for 42 Gallons of Oil, at £. 3 | | |
| | per Barrel, | £. 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | Trucking ditto, | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Aug. 14. | To ditto paid ditto, for 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | | |
| | Gallons of ditto, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | Ditto paid ditto, for 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gal- | | | |
| | lons, at £. 3 6s. | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| | Ditto paid for transporting dit- | | | |
| | to to <i>Jamestown</i> , | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Oct. | To ditto paid <i>James Robinson</i> , | | | |
| | for 32 Gallons Oil, | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| | Ditto paid trucking & trans- | | | |
| | porting 3 Casks, | 0 | 3 | 10 |
| 23. | To ditto paid <i>Thomas Robinson</i> , | | | |
| | for 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gallons Oil, | 3 | 12 | 0 |
| | Ditto paid transporting ditto, | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Nov. 9. | To ditto paid for 4lb. Cotton- | | | |
| | Wick, | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| 10. | To ditto paid <i>James Robinson</i> , | | | |
| | for 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gallons of Oil, at | | | |
| | £. 3 12s. per Barrel, | 3 | 16 | 7 |
| | Ditto paid trucking and trans- | | | |
| | porting ditto, | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| 26. | To ditto paid ditto, for 38 Gal- | | | |
| | lons Oil, at £. 3 12s. per | | | |
| | Barrel, | 4 | 6 | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Dec. 16. | To ditto paid ditto, for 84 Gal- | | | |
| | lons ditto, at £. 3 12s. per | | | |
| | Barrel, | 9 | 14 | 3 |
| 1772. | } To ditto paid ditto, for 173 $\frac{7}{8}$ | | | |
| Jan. 17. | | Gallons Oil, | 19 | 16 |
| | Ditto paid for trucking 7 Casks | | | |
| | of Oil, | 0 | 3 | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | | | | <i>Apri</i> |

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| April 9. | To ditto paid for mending Tin Lanthorn, | £. 0 | 1 | 6 |
| May 15. | To ditto paid <i>Jerathmel Bowers</i> , for One Year's Salary, for keeping the Light-House, due this Day, | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| | Ditto paid <i>John Gardner's</i> Account for carting the Oil to the Light-House | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| | Ditto paid for transporting 7 Casks of Oil to <i>Jamestown</i> , | 0 | 4 | 8 |
| | Ditto paid for 6lb. Tallow Candles, | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| | To my Commissions on £. 165 11s. 10d. the Amount of the Light-Money, at 5 per Cent, | 8 | 5 | 6½ |
| | To Cash paid <i>John Mawdsley</i> , Esq; for 18 Squares of Glafs, and 3½ lb. Putty he supplied the Light-House, September 26, 1764, and which he omitted charging in his Account, £. 15 8 0 Old Tenor, | 0 | 11 | 6½ |
| | | <hr/> | | |
| | To Balance due to the Light-House, | £. 110 | 10 | 1 |
| | | 55 | 1 | 9 |
| | | <hr/> | | |
| | | £. 165 | 11 | 10 |
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Creditor.

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| 1771. | { | By 172 Coasters, from <i>May 2,</i> | | | |
| <i>Sept. 5.</i> | | 1771, to this Date, at <i>1s. 6d.</i> | Light-Money each, | £. 12 | 18 |
| 1772. | { | By 257 Coasters, from <i>Sept. 7,</i> | | | |
| <i>May 6.</i> | | 1771, to this Day, at <i>2s.</i> | Light-Money each, | 25 | 14 |
| 1771. | { | By Light-Money from <i>May 4,</i> | | | |
| <i>Sept. 7.</i> | | 1771, to this Date, on foreign Vessels, registred 3556 Tons, at <i>2d.</i> | | 29 | 12 |
| | | | | | 1772. |

August, 1772.

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|-----------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1772. } May 2. } | By ditto from Sept. 7, 1771, to this Date, on foreign Vef- fels, registred 6470 Tons, at 3d. | £. 80 17 6 |
| 1771. } Sept. 7. } | By 21 Coasters put in for a Har- bour, between May 2, and Sept. 7, 1771, at 1s. 6d. each, | 1 11 6 |
| 1772. } May 6 } | By 24 ditto put in for a Har- bour, between Sept. 7, 1771, and May 6, 1772, at 2s. | 2 8 0 |
| 1771. } Sept. 7. } | By 3 foreign Vessels put in for a Harbour, between May 2, 1771, and Sept. 7, 1771, registred 205 Tons, at 2d. | 1 14 2 |
| 1772. } May 2. } | By 17 ditto put in for a Har- bour, between Sept. 4, 1771, and May 2, 1772, registred 816 Tons, at 3d. | 10 4 0 |
| | By Cash received for 2 Shot, at 6s. | 0 12 0 |
| | | <hr/> £. 165 11 10 |

Newport, August 20, 1772.

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable General Assembly, at their Session in May last, to audit the Accounts of the Naval-Officer with the Colony for the last Year, do report, That we have, in Pursuance of our said Appointment, carefully examined and compared his several Books and Vouchers, and find the Sum of Fifty-five Pounds, One Shilling and Nine Pence, lawful Money, due from *James Clarke*, Naval-Officer, to the Light-House, agreeable to the above State of his Account.

Metcalf Bowler,
Job Bennet,
Pardon Tillinghast.

The Colony Dr.

To our Time in adjusting the above Ac- }
count, } £. 0 18 0

AND

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report be accepted : That the Balance of the said Account, being Fifty-five Pounds, One Shilling and Nine Pence, lawful Money, be paid by the Naval-Officer into the General Treasury : And that Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount of the Account of the Committee, be paid the said *Metcalf Bowler, Job Bennet, and Pardon Tillinghast*, out of the General Treasury.

Balance due from the Naval Officer to be paid into the General Treasury.

M. Bowler, J. Bennet, & P. Tillinghast, allowed £. 0 18s. 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *Royzel Smith*, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance of Two poor Prisoners at the King's Suit ; and for Repairs, by him made, upon the said Gaol : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Two Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and a Penny, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Royzel Smith*, out of the General Treasury.

R. Smith allowed £. 2 19 1



A N A C T for assessing, upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, a Rate or Tax of Twelve Thousand Pounds, lawful Money.

Act assessing a Tax.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is hereby Enacted, That a Rate or Tax of Twelve Thousand Pounds, lawful Money, shall be assessed upon the Inhabitants of this Colony, to be levied, collected, and paid into the General Treasury, on or before the First Day of *May* next : Ten Thousand Pounds thereof to be applied towards sinking the remaining Part of the lawful Money Bills, emitted by this Colony in the Year 1762, and also the lawful Money Bills emitted in the Years 1766 and 1767, and the Treasurer's Notes given in Exchange for the said Bills, and Two Thousand Pounds to defray the exigent Charges of Government.

£. 12,000 to be levied.

£. 10,000 for sinking lawful Money Bills emitted in 1762, 1766 and 1767 ; and £. 2000 for the Charges of Government.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
E That

Part may be
paid in law-
ful Money
Bills or Treas-
urer's Notes.

That the several Collectors of the Rate or Tax shall receive Five sixth Parts thereof in lawful Money Bills, emitted in the Years 1762, 1766, and 1767, or the Treasurer's Notes given therefor, and One sixth Part in Gold and Silver, or, in Lieu of said Bills and Treasurer's Notes, Gold and Silver; upon which said Bills and Notes, Interest shall be computed and allowed to the said First Day of May next.

Poll-Tax 6s.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax shall be Six Pence for each and every Thousand Pounds: And that all male Persons of Twenty-one Years of Age and upwards, excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel, shall pay the Poll-Tax.

Apportion-
ment to the
Towns.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Rate or Tax shall be, and the same is hereby, apportioned unto and upon the several Towns in the following Manner, agreeable to the General Estimate, *That is to say:*

| | | | | |
|-------------------|---|---------|----|-----------|
| NEWPORT shall pay | - | £. 1870 | 18 | 10 |
| Providence, | - | 713 | 9 | 0 |
| Warwick, | - | 570 | 4 | 6 |
| Portsmouth, | - | 554 | 6 | 8 |
| Westerly, | - | 332 | 8 | 4 |
| New-Shoreham, | - | 147 | 9 | 6 |
| North-Kingstown, | - | 566 | 7 | 10 |
| South-Kingstown, | - | 1116 | 12 | 2 |
| East-Greenwich, | - | 287 | 0 | 8 |
| Jamestown, | - | 241 | 14 | 10 |
| Smithfield, | - | 584 | 4 | 2 |
| Scituate, | - | 431 | 1 | 6 |
| Gloucester, | - | 369 | 15 | 2 |
| Charlestown, | - | 274 | 3 | 6 |
| West-Greenwich, | - | 203 | 13 | 6 |
| Coventry, | - | 271 | 12 | 4 |
| Exeter, | - | 291 | 18 | 4 |
| Middletown, | - | 391 | 9 | 8 |
| Bristol, | - | 325 | 17 | 8 |
| | | | | Tiverton, |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|----------|----|----|
| <i>Tiverton,</i> | - | £. 427 | 9 | 6 |
| <i>Little-Compton.</i> | - | 375 | 2 | 6 |
| <i>Warren,</i> | - | 115 | 4 | 8 |
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | - | 215 | 18 | 10 |
| <i>Richmond,</i> | - | 210 | 10 | 10 |
| <i>Cranston,</i> | - | 396 | 15 | 2 |
| <i>Hopkinton,</i> | - | 281 | 8 | 6 |
| <i>Johnston,</i> | - | 164 | 1 | 8 |
| <i>North-Providence,</i> | - | 142 | 5 | 0 |
| <i>Barrington,</i> | - | 126 | 15 | 0 |
| | | <hr/> | | |
| | | £. 12000 | 0 | 0 |

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Town or Towns, which shall not pay in their Proportion of said Tax at the Time limited for the Payment thereof, as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum they shall be deficient, until the same shall be paid. And each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor, to the General Treasurer.

Delinquent
Towns to
pay Interest.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Assessors or Rate-Makers shall assess and apportion the said Rate or Tax, and return a true Bill or List of the same, unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly. And the said Town Clerk is directed, and hereby required, to send a Copy thereof, within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General Treasurer, who is hereby directed and required to issue his Warrant within Four Days, to the several Collectors of Rates or Taxes, of the respective Towns, requiring them in the King's Name, to levy, collect, and pay unto the General Treasurer, for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

Rate Lists to
be returned
to the General
Treasurer
who is to issue
his Warrants for collecting.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting it's Part of the aforesaid Rate or Tax.

The Towns
to pay the
Expence of
collecting.

AND

General
Treasurer to
issue Execu-
tions against
the Town-
Treasurers of
the delin-
quent Towns.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town in this Co-
lony to assess, levy and pay into the General Treasury, their
Proportion of the said Rate or Tax, by the Time aforesaid,
that the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized,
empowered and directed to issue his Execution against the
Town Treasurer of such delinquent Town, for their Pro-
portion or Deficiency of the said Rate or Tax, immediately
after the said First Day of May next, returnable within
Thirty Days.

Town-Trea-
surers em-
powered to
sue the Bonds
given by Col-
lectors at
Special
Courts.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Town Treasurer of each respective Town in this
Colony be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to
sue out and prosecute the Bond or Security that shall be by
him taken from the Collector of said Rate or Tax, to a
Special Inferior Court in the County where such Bond or
Security shall be so taken. And such Special Court shall be
convened, have the same Power, and take the same Fees, as
Special Courts have heretofore had in this Colony. And
the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.

Town Clerks
to return the
Names of the
Town-Trea-
surers and
Collectors of
Rates to the
General
Treasurer.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Town-Clerks of the respective Towns in this Co-
lony be, and they are hereby, required to send the Names
of the Town Treasurer and Collector of Rates of their re-
spective Towns, to the General Treasurer at the same Time
they send a Copy of the Rate-List.

Secretary to
transmit a
Copy of this
Act to the
several
Towns.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
That the Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to send
Copies of this Act to each and every Town Treasurer in this
Colony, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly,
to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Rate-
Makers of his Town. And the several Collectors of Taxes
are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting, and
paying the same into the General Treasury, before or at the
Time limited in this Act.

I do dissent from the Vote concurring with the Lower House in passing the foregoing Act;

J. Barker's protest.

Because there are palpable Errors in the Estimate Rolls, which ought to be amended before any Tax be apportioned, several of which are set forth in a Petition from the Town of Middletown, which is now lodged in the Lower House.

James Barker.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

WHEREAS *Beriab Brown*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

Report of the Sale of the Screws, &c. belonging to Casey and Willson.

IN Obedience to the Vote of the Honorable General Assembly, at their Session in *May* last, I have taken the Screws, Bars and other Implements for counterfeiting Coin, which were taken from *Samuel Willson* and *Samuel Casey*, and procured them to be defaced, and rendered unfit for the Use aforesaid, and have sold the same at Public Vendue, for the Sum of Two Pounds, Eight Shillings, lawful Money.

Beriab Brown.

King's-County, August 14, 1772.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A N A C T to prevent Horse-stealing, and to punish the the Persons guilty thereof.

Act to prevent Horse-stealing.

WHEREAS *the Crime of stealing Horses hath, of late, become very frequent in this Colony, and the Laws now in Force have proved insufficient for preventing the same :*

Preamble.

*B*E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, *It is Enacted*, That every Person who shall hereafter be convicted of Horse-stealing, shall forfeit all his Estate, both Real and Personal, to and for the Use of the Colony, and shall also be publicly whipped, at Three different Times, receiving Thirty-nine Stripes each Time, at the Discretion of the Court, and shall be banished the Colony.

Persons convicted to forfeit their whole Estates, suffer corporal Punishment, and be banished ;

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AND

- AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,*
 And if they return suffer Death That every Person, so banished, who shall afterwards come within the Limits of this Colony, shall suffer the Pains of Death.
- AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,*
 £. 6 Reward to the Person securing a Horse-stealer. That any Person or Persons who shall apprehend and secure a Person stealing a Horse, shall be paid, as a Reward, Six Pounds, out of the General Treasury, upon the Conviction of the Thief.
- AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,*
 The Owner may recover his stolen Horse notwithstanding any Sale. That every Person who shall purchase a Horse, shall do it at his Peril : And that no Bargain or Consideration whatever shall secure, to the Buyer of any stolen Horse, any Right or Title sufficient to withhold such Horse from the proper Owner, from whom he was stolen.
- AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,*
 This Act to be published in the News-Papers. That this Act be published in the *Newport Mercury and Providence Gazette.*



Act for destroying Barberry-Bushes. A N A C T for destroying Barberry-Bushes throughout this Colony.

Preamble. *WHEREAS it is found by Experience that Barberry-Bushes are very destructive to English Grain :*

- BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted,* That if any Freeholder in this Colony shall apply to any Person having Barberry-Bushes growing in his Field or Inclosure to destroy them, and the Owner of the Land shall neglect or refuse to cut them annually, or otherwise to destroy them, he shall pay, as a Fine, the Sum of Ten Pounds, lawful Money, One Half to and for the Use of the Town in which the Barberry Bushes grow, and the other Half to the Informer, to be recovered by Information before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, where the Land lies.
- AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,*
 Persons neglecting to cut or destroy their Barberry-Bushes to be fined £. 10 0 0. That if any Barberry-Bushes shall be found in the Commons or Highways in any Town in the Colony, and any Freeholder
- Barberry-Bushes in Commons or Highways to be destroyed by the Town.

Freeholder of any Town therein, shall make Application to the Town-Treasurer of such Town to destroy them ; and such Town-Treasurer shall refuse or neglect so to do, for the Space of One Year, That then, and in such Case, such Freeholder may make Application to any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for said Town, who is hereby empowered and required to grant his Warrant to procure Labourers to cut up and destroy the said Barberry-Bushes ; the Expence whereof shall be paid out of the Town-Treasury of such Town.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That all the Executions granted by the General Treasurer, against the Collectors of Rates, which were returnable on the Nineteenth instant, be, and they are hereby, lengthened, and made returnable on the Fifteenth Day of *October* next : And that the Sums remaining due upon each Execution continue upon Interest until that Time, unless they shall be paid before.

Executions
against the
Collectors of
Rates further
suspended.

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AN ACT empowering the several Town-Councils, in this Colony, to lay out Drift-Ways in their respective Towns.

Act empow-
ering Town-
Councils to
lay out Drift-
Ways.

WHEREAS it frequently happens that Ways for the passing of People and Carriages are necessary to be made through Places where the laying out Highways will be very inconvenient, and burthensome to the Proprietors of the Land, and expensive to the Towns ; and the laying out Drift-Ways will answer the End :

Preamble.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the several Town-Councils in this Colony be, and they are hereby, empowered to lay out Drift-Ways in their respective Towns, in such Places, and of such Width, as they shall think necessary, as fully as by Law they are empowered to lay out Highways : That such Drift-Ways be laid out in the same Manner, and be under the same Regulations, in every Re-
spect,

Drift-Ways
to be laid out
in the same
Manner as
Highways,
and to be un-
der the same
Regulations.

Town-Council to order who shall maintain Gates, &c. Committee for laying out Highways or Drift-Ways. may be sworn by a Justice.

subject, as Highways are : That the Damages shall be ascertained by the Town-Council, in the same Manner as in laying out Highways : That it shall be in the Power of the Town-Council to order and direct who shall be at the Charge of maintaining Gates and Bars, where any such Drift-Way or Drift-Ways shall be laid out : And that, for the future, when a Committee shall be appointed to lay out any Highway or Drift-Way, such Committee may be sworn by the Town-Council, or the Justice of the Peace appointed to attend upon them.



G. Stillman appointed to repair Pawcatuck Bridge.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. George Stillman be, and he is hereby, appointed to repair Pawcatuck Bridge, and empowered to draw Money, for that Purpose, out of the General Treasury : And that he lay his Account of the Charge thereof before the General Assembly.

Report of a Committee upon E. Gardner's Petition respecting his Mortgage Deed to the Colony.

WHEREAS Stephen Hassard, and Daniel Rodman, Esqrs. presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode-Island, &c. at their Session in South-Kingstown, on the last Wednesday in October, A. D. 1771, a Committee to examine into the Subject Matter of a Petition preferred to the said Assembly by Ephraim Gardner, of North-Kingstown, and having undertaken and performed the same, do report, That we have inspected the Records in King's-County, and find that William Gardner (Son of Henry) did, on the 26th of August, A. D. 1728, and on the 16th of September, A. D. 1731, make and execute Two Deeds of Mortgage to the then Colony's Trustees, conditioned for the Payment of £. 73 13 6, and £. 97 14 0 : That we also find that the aforesaid Two Deeds were regularly discharged by One Deed, given by Ephraim Gardner, for £. 171 7 6, being the Sum contained in the other Two Deeds : That it doth not appear to us that there ever was any Bonds given by the aforesaid William Gardner ; nor can we find any Bonds or Judgments unsatisfied, against the said William's Deed, in the Grand-Committee's Office,

or

or in the Clerks Offices in *King's-County* : That *Ephraim Gardner's* Deed was put in Suit, and Judgment obtained, and Execution thereon awarded, at the Inferior Court held in *King's-County*, in *February*, A. D. 1753, which was returned satisfied, for the said Sum of £. 171 7 6 Debt and Cost, taxed at £. 15 16 4 : And that therefore it appears to us that the said Monies have been Twice paid to the Colony.

S. Haffard,
D. Rodman.

Colony of Rhode-Island, Dr. to S. Haffard, and D. Rodman,

For our Service in examining the said }
Affair, 2 Days each, at 6*s.* per Day, } £. 1 4 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted : That the said Account be allowed ; and that One Pound, Four Shillings lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Stephen Haffard*, and *Daniel Rodman*, out of the General Treasury.

S. Hazard
and *D. Rod-*
man allowed
£. 1 4 0.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Nicholas Goddard*, *Samuel Gorton*, *Caleb Hill*, *Hopkins Cooke*, and *William Arnold*, in Behalf of themselves and others, of the Denomination of Baptists, in and about the Town of *East-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that the Baptist Meeting-House, in said Town, is very much decayed, and cannot be repaired to Advantage : That the Number of People, who attend religious Worship in said House, is increased to such a Degree as to make a larger Meeting-House necessary : And that the Poverty of the Members renders it impracticable to build a new One without Assistance : And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant them the Liberty of raising the Sum of One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars, by Lottery, to be applied towards erecting a Baptist Meeting-House in the said Town ; and that they the Petitioners may be appointed Directors of the said Lottery, giving Bond, as usual, for the faithful Discharge of said Trust :

Lottery
granted to
build a Bap-
tist Meeting-
House in
East-Green-
wich.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Au-

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thority

thority thereof, It is Enacted, That the foregoing Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Restrictions.

The Collec-
tor of Rates
for Gloucester
discharged
from Gaol.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Collector of Rates for the Town of Gloucester be discharged from Gaol, on the Execution of the General Treasurer, upon his giving his Note, jointly with Mr. Thomas Wood, for the Payment of the Rates due from him to the Colony, with the Interest, on or before the Fifteenth Day of October next.

Lottery
granted to
rebuild the
Town-Wharf
in Warwick.

WHEREAS divers Freemen, Inhabitants of the Town of Warwick, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Town-Wharf, in Warwick Harbour, is so far gone to Decay, that it is extremely difficult to land upon said Wharf, or take off any Kind of Goods or Merchandize whatever : And therefore prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery to raise the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars, to be appropriated to the building a Wharf on the Highway laid out to said Warwick Harbour, for that Purpose ; which Wharf may be freely made Use of by any of the Inhabitants of this Colony, Wharfage free : And that Capt. Benjamin Gorton, Capt. Thomas Greene, and Captain John Lippitt, may be appointed Managers in the said Business :

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the foregoing Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Restrictions.

Lottery
granted for
paving Pel-
ham-Street in
Newport.

WHEREAS divers Inhabitants of the Town of Newport preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Street called Pelham-Street, in Newport, aforesaid, is so situated that it cannot be kept in Repair without very great Expence, unless the same be paved : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery for paving the said Street, to be divided into Classes, at the Discretion of the Directors, so that a Sum sufficient for carrying the said Design into Execution may be raised : And that Messrs. Simon Pease.

August, 1772.

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Pease, Robert Stoddard, Charles Handy, John Banister, Thomas Gordon Stelle, and Samuel Bours, may be appointed Directors of the said Lottery, they giving Bond for the faithful Execution of the said Trust :

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and, by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jeremiah Albro*, late Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol in the County of *King's-County*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Maintenance of *William Carlile*, a poor Prisoner at the King's Suit : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that Four Pounds, Nineteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said Jeremiah Albro, out of the General Treasury.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business, lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of Newport, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be transmitted to the respective Town-Clerks in the County : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned unto the last Monday in October next, at Newport, if then called, but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is, dissolved.

G O D Save the K I N G.

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Henry Ward Sec'y

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At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England, in America*; begun and holden at *Providence*, within and for the said Colony, on the last Wednesday in *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, and Thirteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty *George the Third*, by the Grace of God, King of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T.

The Honorable

Joseph Wanton, Esq; Governor.

The Honorable

Darius Sessions, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

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DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT:

Thomas Cranston, *Esq*;
Mr. John Wanton, (*Son of Gideon*)
 George Hazard, *Esq*;
 Joseph Wanton, *jun. Esq*;
Mr. Thomas Freebody.

PROVIDENCE:

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 Thomas Greene, *Esq*;
Mr. Benjamin Man,
Mr. John Jenckes.

PORTSMOUTH:

Metcalf Bowler, *Esq*;
Mr. Jonathan Brownell.

WARWICK:

Mr. Benjamin Greene,
 James Arnold, *Esq*;
Mr. Jacob Greene,
 William Greene, *Esq*.

WESTERLY:

Mr. James Rhodes,
Mr. Phinehas Clarke.

NEW-SHOREHAM:

None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Northup, *Esq*.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Rose, *Esq*;
Mr. Samuel Babcock.

EAST-GREENWICH:

Sylvester Sweet, *Esq*;
 Thomas Tillinghast, *Esq*.

JAMESTOWN:

Mr. John Gardner.

SMITHFIELD:

Samuel Winsor, *Esq*;
 Daniel Mowry, *jun. Esq*.

SCITUATE:

Ezekiel Cornell, *Esq*;
Mr. Rufus Hopkins.

GLOUCESTER:

Richard Steere, *Esq*;
 Rufus Smith, *Esq*.

CHARLESTOWN:

Mr. Samuel Kinyon,
Mr. Stephen Perry.

WEST-GREENWICH:

William Nichols, *Esq*;
Mr. Thomas Gorton.

COVENTRY:

Mr. Israel Bowen.

EXETER:

George Pierce, *Esq*;
 Jeffery Wilcox, *Esq*.

MIDDLETOWN:

Mr. Nicholas Easton,
Mr. Isaac Smith.

BRISTOL:

William Bradford, *Esq*.

TIVERTON:

Mr. Oliver Cooke.

LITTLE-COMPTON:

Thomas Church, *Esq*;
Mr. Daniel Wilbour.

WARREN:

Sylvester Child, *Esq*;
 Nathan Miller, *Esq*.

CUMBERLAND:

John Dexter, *Esq*;

RICHMOND:

Edward Perry, *Esq*;
 Robert Stanton, *Esq*.

CRANSTON:

John Andrews, *Esq*;
 William Dexter, *Esq*.

HOPKINTON:

Thomas Wells, *jun. Esq*;
Mr. Zaccheus Reynolds.

JOHNSTON:

Peleg Williams, *Esq*;
 Edward Fenner, *Esq*.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Capt. Esek Hopkins,
 Jonathan Jenckes, *jun. Esq*.

BARRINGTON:

Mr. Thomas Allen.

The Honorable METCALF BOWLER, *Esq*; was chosen Speaker, and
 JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower-House.

AN ACT incorporating *Rawson's Fountain Society*.

WHEREAS, by certain Indentures, in Writing, Act incorporating Rawson's Fountain Society. dated the 19th Day of October, 1772, between *Stephen Rawson*, of *Providence*, in the County of *Providence*, in this Colony, Esq; of the one Part, and *Samuel Nightingale, Jacob Whitman, Job Sweeting, Amos Atwell, Benoni Pierce, Edward Hawkins, and Nicholas Clarke*, all of *Providence*, aforesaid, Gentlemen, and their Associates, herein after named, of the other Part; the said *Stephen Rawson* granted unto them, and to their Heirs and Assigns, for the Term of Nine Hundred and Ninety-nine Years, a Spring, or Fountain of Water, in said *Providence*, in order that the same might be conveyed, by means of Pipes, or an Aqueduct, as far as *Weybosset Bridge*, or the Long-Wharf, near thereto, for the better supplying themselves, and all such others as should hereafter join unto or be admitted by them, for the carrying on, making, repairing, and continuing said works, as by said Indentures may appear. And whereas said Works will be of public Utility, and cannot be carried on to Effect, and be continued, unless those concerned therein be vested with certain Powers, and corporate Rights and Privileges: And this Assembly being willing to give all due Countenance and Encouragement to so beneficial a Design, Do, for themselves & their Successors, Enact, Grant, Ordain and Declare, and, by the Authority vested in them, It is Enacted, Granted, Ordained and Declared, That the said *Samuel Nightingale, Jacob Whitman, Job Sweeting, Amos Atwell, Benoni Pierce, Edward Hawkins, Nicholas Clarke, Archibald Stewart, Nathan Waterman, Zephaniah Brown, Joseph Carver, Jonathan Badger, William Rhodes, Benjamin Gladding, Joseph Hoyle, John Carpenter, John Matthewson, Joseph Snow, jun. William Checkley, Silas Talbut, Nathaniel Frothingham, Daniel Snow, James Snow, Samuel Ingraham, Barzillai Richmond, Charles Stevens, Samuel Carew, Daniel Test, Benjamin Hoppen, David Bacon, Joseph Willson, Elijah Bacon, Sherebiab Talbut, Solomon Searle, jun. John Wyley, James Sheldon, Oliver Carpenter, Abram Smith, Joseph Potter, jun. Joseph Bennet, Benjamin Talbut, Joseph Snow, 3d. Benaijah Carpenter,*

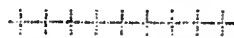
Carpenter, Daniel Jackson, Grindall Rawson, Jonathan Ellis, Nicholas Cook, John Smith, John Jenckes, Samuel Hamlin, Solomon Drown, Ephraim Otis, William Rogers's Heirs, Josiah Ware, Hopestill McNeill, Peter Ritto, Joshua Lindley, James Dyer, William Logan, Robert Taylor, Peter Taylor, Willson Jacobs, David Hatch, David Tefft, Richard Seaver, Nathan Williams, William Compton, Benjamin Tallman, Daniel Whitaker, Caleb Harris, William Dexter, James Matthewson, Joseph Hewes, Andrew Waterman, the Heirs of Thomas Manchester, and John Mumford, with such others as the said Society shall from Time to Time admit as joint Members with them, shall be a Body Corporate and Politic, with perpetual Succession, to be known, in Law, by the Name of RAWSON's FOUNTAIN SOCIETY ; and by that Name to sue and be sued, to take, receive, and hold any Gifts and Grants of what Kind or Nature soever ; with full Power to do every lawful Matter and Thing to complete the Execution and Continuance of said Design : And that, to this End, the said Company shall have an annual Meeting yearly forever, on the First Wednesday in November, for the Appointment of their annual Officers, and occasional Meetings at such other Times as may, from Time to Time, be found necessary or convenient, to be called or convoked in Manner hereafter mentioned ; each Meeting to be held in such Place as they shall order and determine ; and that Fifteen Members, being convened at any regular Time of meeting, shall constitute a Meeting ; and are hereby declared a Quorum of said Society : At each and all of which Meetings, the said Society shall have full Power to make and enact any By-Laws or Regulations, to appoint such Officers as to themselves shall seem necessary, to assess and levy Monies on themselves, for said Purpose, in such Way and Manner as they shall judge most expedient ; and to cause all their Laws and Orders, not repugnant to the Laws of England, and this Colony, to be carried into full effect and Execution. Provided always, That at said annual Meetings, among other Officers, they shall appoint a Committee, who, under the Direction and Control of the said Society, shall have the whole Ordering and Management of every Matter and Thing respecting said Works, and how, and in what Manner,

Manner, the same shall be repaired and continued ; and also in what Manner, and to whom, leading and conducting Pipes shall be formed from the Main Aqueducts : And that every Member of said Society shall have full Liberty, at his own Expence, to convey Water from the Main Aqueducts, to and for the Supply of one House, being the Property of one Person, as also Members being Owners of Manufactories, to and for the Supply of their Works, each under the Direction of the aforesaid Committee, and agreeable to the Rules and regulations of said Society.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Society shall appoint a Clerk, who shall make Record of all Grants, Leases and Agreements respecting said Aqueducts, and all such By-Laws and Regulations as they may from Time to time make and pass.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Special Occasion shall make it needful to hold a Meeting at any other Time than on the First Wednesday in November, yearly, the same may be done, either by the major Part of the Committee, or any Seven of the Members applying to the Clerk therefor, who shall thereon issue his Warrant, directed to any Member, or the proper Officer, for calling the same.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Society shall, and may, at all Times forever hereafter, have full and free Liberty to dig in any of the Streets, Lanes, or Highways for the sinking and making said Aqueducts, and all Pipes leading therefrom, and for repairing the same, they at all Times avoiding the doing any Injury to the Aqueducts or Pipes of *Field's Fountain* Society ; and in Case of any inadvertently done, making ample Satisfaction therefor ; and also leaving the said Streets, Lanes, and Highways, in as good Order as before, and doing the same as soon as may be.



It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* be, and he is hereby directed, to purchase a good green Cloth for covering the Tables in

Chairs, &c.
to be provided for the
Court-House
in *Providence*

the Council-Chamber, and House of Deputies, in the Court-House in the said County : And that he procure all the broken Chairs in the said House to be mended, and purchase Twelve new Ones, and also a pair of Hand-Irons, and Shovel and Tongs, for the Use of said House.

J. Jeffers,
allowed £. 1
13 0. WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Jeffers* exhibited unto this Assembly, an Account by him charged against the Colony for his Time, Horsehire, and Expences, in carrying the Rate-Bill to the Sheriffs of the Counties of *Providence, King's-County, Bristol* and *Kent* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound, Thirteen Shillings, Lawful Money, thereof, be allowed and paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, out of the General Treasury.

G. Stillman
allowed £. 11
12 5½. WHEREAS Capt. *George Stillman* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Materials provided for, and Work done upon, *Pawcatuck-Bridge* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that Eleven Pounds, Twelve Shillings, and Five Pence Half-penny, lawful Money, being the Balance thereof, be paid the said *George Stillman*, out of the General Treasury.

And £. 0 12
8½. WHEREAS the same *George Stillman*, exhibited unto this Assembly another Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Repairs by him made at another Time upon the said Bridge : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that Twelve Shillings, and Eight Pence Half-penny, lawful Money, being the Balance thereof, be paid the said *George Stillman*, out of the General Treasury.

Town-Council of *Hopkinton*, empowered to exchange an Highway. WHEREAS the Deputies of the Town of *Hopkinton*, by Order and in Behalf of said Town, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That some Years ago, there was an Highway. aid out in said Town, by Order of the General Assembly, beginning at an Highway which

which runs across said Town from *Richmond*, Westward to the Colony Line, and from said Highway, Southerly, to *Benjamin Maxson's* Mills, and further Southerly, to *Crandall's* Mills, at the Lower End of the said Town of *Hepkinton* : And that the said Highways hath not been cleared or mended, nor can be, without doing great Damage to several of the Proprietors of the Lands through which it passeth : And therefore prayed this Assembly to empower the Town-Council of the said Town of *Hepkinton*, to alter or exchange the said Highway, so that the Public may be better served and the Owners of said Land suffer less Damage :

AND the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, granted.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of *East-Greenwich*, of the Denomination of Christians, called PRESBYTERIANS, or CONGREGATIONALISTS. preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That they have, for a long Time, laboured under the Disadvantage of having no House to meet in for the public Worship of God : And that they are unable, of themselves, to build One ; but have great Encouragement from their Brethren, in the neighbouring Governments, that they will assist, in Case they, the Petitioners can obtain the Grant of a Lottery for that Purpose : And therefore prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery, for raising the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, for building a Presbyterian or Congregational Meeting-House in said Town : And that Messrs. *William Johnston*, *Gideon Mumford*, *James Searle*, and *Aacibald Crarey*, may be appointed Managers or Directors of the same :

Lottery granted to build a Meeting-House for the Presbyterians or Congregationalists in *East Greenwich*.

On Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Restrictions : Provided that the said Lottery do not take Place until the First Day of May, A. D. 1773 : And that the Colony incur no Expence thereby.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Nicholas Brown* and Company exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by them charged against the Colony, for Seven Boxes of Glafs, by them imported, for the Use of the Colony : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*,

N. Brown and Company allowed £. 29 9 6.

ed, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that Twenty-nine Pounds, Nine Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Nicholas Brown* and Company, out of the General Treasury.

Salutes to be
fired at Fort-
George, on
certain Oc-
casions.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Gunner of Fort-*George* be, and he is hereby, directed to fire a Royal Salute, (at the Expence of the Colony) on each of the following Days, *to wit* : On the Birth-Day of His Majesty ; on the Birth-Day of His Royal Consort ; on the Day of His Majesty's Accession ; on the Day of Coronation ; and on the Day of the Election of General Officers for this Colony.

Lottery
granted to
build a
Bridge and
repair a Road
in *Gloucester*.

WHEREAS a Petition, signed by a great Number of Subscribers, was presented to this Assembly, setting forth, That there is an Highway laid out in the North Part of the Town of *Gloucester*, from the Colony Line, at a Place known by the Name of *Allum-Pond* Hill, and leading thence Southerly, to the Mills called *Cook's* Mills, about the Distance of Five Miles, crossing the River called *Clear-River*, and at the North End, meeting an Highway laid out in the *Massachusetts-Bay*, which leads from *Oxford* to *Providence* : That if the said Road be put into good Order, it will be greatly beneficial to the Public : And that there are but few Inhabitants in that Part of the Town, who are unable to make and keep the said Road good : And praying this Assembly to grant a Lottery to raise the Sum of Four Hundred Dollars, to be appropriated to the building a Bridge over the said River, and the clearing said Highway, and making it good for travelling : And that Messrs. *Jonathan Harris*, *Enoch Whipple*, *Thomas Herrenden*, *William Rofs* and *John Howland*, jun. may be appointed Directors of the said Lottery.

On Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Re-

strictions :

strictions : Provided, that the said Lottery do not take Place until the First Day of April, A. D. 1773 ; and that no Expence accrue to the Colony thereby.

WHEREAS a Petition, signed by a great Number of Subscribers, was preferred to this Assembly, representing that the Meeting-House in the Town of *Johnston* is indebted upwards of Fifteen Hundred Pounds, Old Tenor, for what hath already been done upon it ; which Sum hath been due ever since the Year 1764 : And that the said Meeting-House is yet unfinished and unfit for the Purpose for which it was designed ; and praying this Assembly to grant a Lottery, for raising Five Hundred Dollars, agreeable to a Scheme with the said Petition presented, to be appropriated for the Purposes of paying the said Debt, and finishing the said Meeting-House : And that Messrs. *Andrew Aldrich* and *Jeduthnu Belknap*, may be appointed Directors and Managers of the said Lottery :

Lottery granted to finish *Johnston* Meeting-House.

On Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted, under the usual Restrictions : Provided that the said Lottery do not take Place until the First Day of February, A. D. 1773 ; and that the Colony incur no Expence thereby.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Jenckes*, and *Daniel Mowry, jun.* Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *S. Jenckes allowed £. 148 17 6½.*
to wit :

WE the Subscribers being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly, to audit the Accounts of Capt. *Stephen Jenckes*, for rebuilding *Pawtucket* Bridge, having met and examined the same, do find, now due to him, One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence Half-Penny, lawful Money, agreeable to the within Account, he having produced proper Vouchers for the same.

Providence, October
29, 1772.

John Jenckes,
Daniel Mowry, jun.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be accepted : And that the Sum of One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds, Seventeen Shillings, and Six Pence Half-Penny, lawful Money, being the Balance therein mentioned, be paid the said *Stephen Jenckes*, out of the General Treasury.

Petition for
laying a Du-
ty on Ship-
Timber, re-
ferred.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition now before this Assembly, praying that a Duty may be imposed upon Ship Timber, exported out of this Colony, in Shipping called Rafts, be referred to the next Session : And that in the mean Time public Notice be given thereof, in the *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette*.

The Action
brought by
the General-
Treasurer,
against *D. Rofs*, with-
drawn.

WHEREAS *David Rofs*, of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Mariner, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that the General Treasurer hath prosecuted an Action against him, for bringing into the Colony one *Nathaniel Bentley*, a Mariner on board his Vessel, who some Days after he was landed, was discovered to have the Small-Pox : And that neither he, nor any Person on board, had the least Suspicion that the said *Bentley* had that Distemper : And thereupon prayed to be acquitted from the Penalty : And due Inquiry having been made into the Facts, set forth in the said Petition, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Action be withdrawn and stopped, upon the Petitioner's paying the Cost that hath arisen thereupon.

Committee to
audit the Ac-
counts of the
Keeper of the
Grand Com-
mittee's Of-
fice.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Speaker of the Lower House, *George Hazard*, Esq; *Thomas Greene*, Esq; the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; and *Job Bennet*, Esq; be, and they or the major Part of them are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Account of *Edward Thurston*, Esq; Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, from the Time of his First Appointment . And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session,

Lottery
granted for
King's-
Church, in
Providence.

WHEREAS at the General-Assembly held in October, A. D. 1771, an Act was passed, granting a Lottery for raising the Sum of Six Hundred Dollars for the building

a Steeple, and purchasing a Clock, for the Use of King's-Church in *Providence*; which Lottery hath been since drawn, and the Steeple built: And whereas the Congregation of said Church have represented unto this Assembly, that the Sum raised by said Lottery is by no means adequate to the Expences they have been at, and must still be at; and prayed that another Class of a Lottery may be granted them, for the raising a further Sum of One Thousand Dollars: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That another Lottery be granted, for raising the said Sum of One Thousand Dollars, for the finishing said Church, under the same Regulations as the former Lottery granted them: And that Messrs. *John Smith, John Innis Clark, Ebenezer Thompson, and John Updike*, all of said *Providence*, be, and they are hereby appointed Directors thereof.

WHEREAS Mr. *Anthony Holdon*, Keeper of His Majesty's Gaol, in the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Repairs made on the said Gaol: And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Fifteen Shillings and Three Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Anthony Holdon*, out of the General Treasury.

A. Holdon allowed £. 0 15 3.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Jenckes*, and *Daniel Mowry*, jun. Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

S. Jenckes allowed £. 16 7 7.

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable the General Assembly, a Committee, to audit the Accounts of Capt. *Stephen Jenckes*, for repairing *Pawtucket* Bridge, do report, that we have attended the said Business, examined his Charges and Vouchers, and find that there is a Balance of Sixteen Pounds, Seven Shillings and Seven Pence Half-penny, lawful Money, due to the said *Stephen Jenckes*, as appears by the said Accounts herewith presented. All which is humbly submitted, by

Your Honor's

humble Servants,

Providence, Oct.
28, 1772.

John Jenckes,
Daniel Mowry, jun.
AND

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be accepted : And that the Sum of Sixteen Pounds, Seven Shillings and Seven Pence, Half-Penny, lawful Money being the Balance therein mentioned, be paid the said *Stephen Jenckes*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Dexter
allowed £. 1
11 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Jenckes* and *Daniel Mowry*, jun. Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

THE Subscribers have examined the Account of *John Dexter*, Esq; for repairing *Pawtucket* Bridge, in *August*, A. D. 1771, and find that he hath received out of the General Treasury, Ten Pounds, lawful Money, and hath expended Eight Pounds, Nine Shillings, lawful Money, agreeable to the Account herewith presented : So that he hath in his Hands, One Pound, Eleven Shillings, lawful Money.

Providence, Oct. 29, 1772.

John Jenckes,
Daniel Mowry, jun.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted : And that the said Balance of One Pound, Eleven Shillings, lawful Money, be paid by the said *John Dexter*, into the General Treasury.

J. Bennet al-
lowed £. 7 9
6.

WHEREAS *Job Bennet*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for a Flag for *Fort-George* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, that the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that Seven Pounds, Nine Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Job Bennet*, out of the General Treasury.

G. Hazard
allowed £. 5
16 7.

WHEREAS *George Hazard*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Time and Trouble, in signing Treasurer's Notes : And the said Account being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is

is allowed ; and that Five Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Seven Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Hazard*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Solomon Southwick* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for printing the Proceedings of the General Assembly, at the Session in August last, for a Book, to record the Judgments of the Superior Court for the County of *Newport*, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Eight Pounds, Nine Shillings, and Ten Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Solomon Southwick*, out of the General-Treasury.

S. Southwick
allowed £. 8
9 10.

WHEREAS *Henry Marchant*, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Fees and Bills of Cost, in several Cases, as Attorney for the Colony : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that Fourteen Pounds, Eight Shillings, and One Penny, Three Farthings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Henry Marchant*, out of the General Treasury.

H. Marchant
allowed £. 14
8 12.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *James Barker*, Esq; the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; Mr. *Moses Brown*, Mr. *Benjamin West*, Mr. *William Ellery*, and the Secretary be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee, to inspect the Accounts of Doctor *Thomas Moffat*, and *Martin Howard*, jun. Esq; this Day exhibited to this Assembly, relative to the Losses respectively sustained by them in the Riots, in the Town of *Newport*, in the Year 1765 : That they expunge any Charges made by the said Sufferers, or either of them, for Expences upon their Voyage to, while at, and in their Return from *Great-Britain*, and for any consequential Damages they may have charged : That they make Deductions from their respective Accounts, for the Value, as nearly as may be, of such Books,

Committee
to examine
the Accounts
of T. Moffat
and M. How-
ard.

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Goods

Goods and Effects, as may appear to have been saved, and may be in the Hands of the said Sufferers, their Friends or others, according to the best Light the said Committee may obtain, from any Depositions heretofore taken, by Order of this Assembly, or from such other Depositions and Proofs as they may obtain : That the said Committee be, and hereby are, empowered to summon any Persons before them, and to examine them, upon Oath, for the obtaining the best Knowledge of the real Loss sustained by said Sufferers, during the said Riot : That they consider no Charge, but for such Effects as were absolutely lost, damaged or destroyed, during the said Riot : And that they make Report of their Doings to this Assembly, as soon as may be.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Attorney-General attend upon the said Committee, to assist them in their Inspection and Examination of the said Accounts.

G. Hazard
allowed £. 0
18 0.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General Treasury, to *George Hazard*, Esq; for his Services in searching the Records, and making a State of the Bills of Credit emitted by this Colony, upon Loan.

Entry of
Actions, in
the Superior
Court, augmented.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Entry of each Action in the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, be augmented to Eighteen Shillings, lawful Money, to the Justices of said Court, both in Civil and Criminal Actions, whether the Criminal be convicted or not : And that where the Criminal shall not be able to pay the Entry, the same shall be paid out of the General Treasury.

Time for filing
Declarations and
Answers, to
November
Court,
lengthened.

WHEREAS the Attornies have been obliged to attend upon this Assembly, at the present Session, by Reason whereof, the usual Time of filing Declarations and Answers to the Inferior Court, to be holden at *Newport*, in November next, will be too short for the Business to be done : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, that the Time for filing Declarations to said Court, be lengthened, until
Monday

Monday the Ninth Day of November, and that the Time of filing Answers, be lengthened until Friday the Thirtieth Day of the same Month.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed at this Session, to inspect the Accounts of Doctor *Thomas Moffat* and *Martin Howard*, jun. Esq; do not take into Consideration the Account, at this Session exhibited by *Joseph Aplin*, Esq; in Behalf of the said *Martin Howard*, as it appears upon Examination, to be the same Account which was heretofore presented to this Assembly, and rejected, as being charged in Gross, and not containing the Particulars of the Loss sustained by him, in the Riots in *Newport*, in the Year 1765.

Resolution concerning the Accounts of *M. Howard* and *J. Johnston*.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That when the said *Martin Howard* shall, by himself or his Agent, present an Account of the Particulars of his said Loss, the same shall be considered by a Committee, then to be appointed for that Purpose.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That whereas *Augustus Johnston*, Esq; hath not at this Session, applied to this Assembly, for their Consideration of his Loss by the said Riots, that whenever he shall, there shall be the same Consideration had thereof: And that a Copy of this Vote be by the Secretary delivered, or sent, to the said *Martin Howard* and *Augustus Johnston*.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Governor, be, and he is hereby, requested to write to the Lords of the Treasury in *Great-Britain*, and inform them, how far this Assembly have proceeded, upon the Petitions of the Sufferers by said Riots; and respecting the Monies due from the Crown, to this Colony, requesting that the same may not be delayed further than the next Session of Parliament; and also to the Agent for this Colony, upon the same Subject.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Entry of every Action, in the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, to the Justices, be augmented to Two Shillings and Three Pence, for the future.

Entry of Actions in the Inferior Court augmented.

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An ACT, for disposing of certain Lands and Tenements, belonging to the Colony.

Act for disposing of Lands and Tenements belonging to the Colony.

WHEREAS certain Lands and Tenements, within this Colony, have in Consequence of Judgments obtained by the Colony, been struck off and sold, by the respective Sheriffs of the Counties, to the Colony, as the highest Bidder for the same ; some of which may have been conveyed, either to the General Treasurer, or to the Grand Committee, to, and for the Use of the Colony, and others have not yet been conveyed by the Sheriffs, to any Person, for the Use of the Colony : *Be it therefore Enacted, by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted,* That the respective Sheriffs for the Time being, of the several Counties within the Colony, do, as soon as may be, make and execute Deeds of all such Lands and Tenements, within their respective Counties, as have not yet been conveyed by them, or any former Sheriffs, to the General Treasurer of the Colony, in such Manner and Form, as Deeds have been heretofore given : That the Grand Committee for this Colony, as soon as may be, make, and execute a Deed or Deeds of all such Lands, as may have been heretofore conveyed to them, to and for the Use of the Colony, to the General Treasurer, to and for the Use of the Colony : That the General Treasurer, immediately upon the Execution of such Deeds to him, give Notice thereof to the Sheriff of the County, where such Lands lie, who shall immediately thereupon notify said Lands for Sale, in the usual Manner of notifying Lands for Sale by Vendue, to the highest Bidder, and shall strike off the same, at the Time and Place notified for Sale thereof, to the highest Bidder, upon the Terms of Sale : That the General Treasurer be, and he is hereby empowered and directed, to make & execute a Deed or Deeds thereof, to the Person to whom the same shall appear by a Certificate from the Sheriff, to have been struck off to as abovesaid, of such Lands & Tenements, thereby warranting to such Purchaser, all the Right, Title and Interest, which the Colony shall have in, and to such Lands and Tenements, with the Appurtenances : And that the Monies arising therefrom, shall be received by the General Treasurer, to and for the Use of the Colony.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *George Hazard*, Esq; *Job Bennet*, Esq; and *Mr. Edward Thurston*, jun. presented unto this Assembly, the following Report and Account, *to wit* .

Report of the Committee who burnt money in the Grand Committees Office.

The Subscribers being appointed a Committee, to receive and burn all the Old Tenor Bills, &c. in the Grand Committee's Office, have received of *Edward Thurston*, Esq; Keeper of said Office, the Sum of Fourteen Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds, Nineteen Shillings, in Bills of Credit, Old Tenor, and the Sum of Twenty-nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Six Pounds, Five Shillings, Old Tenor, in Bills of Credit, emitted in the Year 1750, both which Sums we have given a Receipt for, and burnt ; and are

Your Honors'

humble Servants,

Newport, Oct. 21, 1772. *George Hazard*,
£. 14888 19 0 Old Tenor, *Job Bennet*,
£. 29806 5 0 Old Tenor, emitted 1750. *Edw. Thurston*, jun.

Colony of *Rhode-Island*, &c.

Dr.

To our Time in performing the above-mentioned Service, 3 Days each, at 6s. } £. 2 14 0
per Day,

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : That the Account of the Committee be allowed ; and that Two Pounds, Fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *George Hazard*, *Job Bennet* and *Edward Thurston*, jun. out of the General Treasury.

G. Hazard,
J. Bennet,
and *E. Thurston*, jun. allowed £. 2. 14.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Speaker of the Lower House, *George Hazard*, Esq; *Mr. John Wanton*, (Son of *Gideon*) and *Mr. Moses Brown*, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee, to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer : And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to settle the Business of the Gen. Treasurer.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Henry Marchant*, Esq; Attorney General of this Colony be, and he is hereby

Attorney-General to put Mortgages and Bonds, &c. in Suit.

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appointed,

appointed, to apply to, and receive from the Grand Committee's Office, all such Colony Mortgages and Bonds, as may still be in the said Office, and not satisfied or discharged. And the Keeper of said Office is hereby ordered and instructed to call upon all Persons, who have received at any Time any Colony Mortgages or Bonds out of said Office for all such Mortgages and Bonds, as they may still have in their Hands, and for a List of all such Actions as are still pending in any of the Courts within this Colony, and Judgments by them recovered and not yet satisfied upon any such Mortgages or Bonds : That the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office be directed to deliver to the Attorney General, all such Mortgages and Bonds as he may receive of such Persons, together with such Lists of Actions now pending and Judgments obtained and still unsatisfied : That the Clerks of the several Superior and Inferior Courts be, and they are hereby, directed to inspect thoroughly their several Offices, and to make out such Lists as soon as may be, of all such Judgments upon Mortgages and Bonds as do not appear to have been satisfied, and of all such Actions, upon Colony Mortgages or Bonds, as still may be pending in the Courts, of which they are Clerks, and the same, as soon as made out, to deliver to the Attorney-General : And that the Attorney-General be, and he is hereby, authorized and impowered to bring Suits and Actions upon all such Mortgages and Bonds, as have not yet been put in Suit, to pursue such Judgments as appear to be not satisfied, or to bring Actions upon the same ; and to prosecute all such Suits or Actions, as may be still pending in the several Courts of this Colony, to final Judgment and Execution, in the best and speediest Manner, that he may be able.

Thanks given to H. Marchant.

WHEREAS the Conduct of *Henry Marchant, Esq;* as Agent for this Colony, in *Great-Britain*, merits the Approbation of this Assembly, this Assembly do therefore, as a Testimonial thereof, *Vote and Resolve*, that they fully approve of, and return him their Thanks for, his prudent Conduct in the said Department.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to settle the Demands of the Colony, against *John Andrews* and *George Brown*, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby, continued a Committee, for that Purpose : And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee
for settling
the account
of *J. An-
drews* and
G. Brown,
continued.

WHEREAS the Ministers, Church-Wardens, Vestry, and a Number of the Congregation of *King's-Church* in *Providence*, in Behalf of said Church, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That they have been at very great Expences, in repairing said Church : And that they have laboured under many Difficulties, in raising Monies, from among the Members of said Church, to make such necessary Repairs ; owing to their not being authorized, by any Law of this Colony, to carry into Execution such Regulations as might be agreed to by the Majority of the Congregation : And thereupon prayed this Assembly, that an Act may be passed, to incorporate them into a Body Politic, by the Name of *The Minister, Church-Wardens, Vestry, and Congregation of King's-Church, in Providence* : Giving them, and their Successors, full Power, to make and ordain all such Laws, Rules and Ordinances, as they, or the major Part of them shall agree to, for the better regulating the Affairs of said Church ; and that a Charter may be granted them accordingly :

Petition for a
Charter for
the Church
in Provi-
dene.

On Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General-Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, It is Enacted, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted : And that the following Charter be granted to the Petitioners.



By

October, 1772.

By the Honorable

*Joseph Wanton, Esquire,*Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief,
in and over the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and
Providence Plantations, in *New-England*, in *America*.To all to whom these Presents shall come,
Greeting.

WHEREAS the Church-Wardens, a Number of the Vestry and Congregation of *King's-Church* in *Providence*, in behalf of said Church, preferred a Petition unto the General Assembly, holden at *Providence*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the last Wednesday in *October*, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, and represented, that they have been at very great Expences, at several Times of late, and still labour under a very heavy one, in repairing said Church; that they have been put to much Difficulty in raising Monies from among the Members of said Church, for making such necessary Repairs, owing, as they humbly conceive, to their not being able, by any Laws of this Colony, to carry into Execution any Regulations that might be agreed to by the Majority of the Congregation of said Church, from Time to Time, as should be present on due Notice, for the better managing the Affairs of said Church; and praying that an Act might be passed to incorporate them into a Body Politic, by the Name of the Minister, Church-Wardens, Vestry, and Congregation of *King's-Church*, in *Providence*, and giving them, and their Successors, full Power to make and ordain all such Laws, Rules, and Ordinances as they, or the major Part of them, shall agree to, for the better regulating the Affairs of said Church, and that a Charter might be granted them accordingly: On Consideration whereof an Act was made and passed by the said General Assembly, at their aforesaid Session, whereby the Prayer of the Petitioners was granted; and they the said Minister, Church-Wardens, Vestry and Congregation, were made and created a Body Politic, to have perpetual Succession, and a Charter was then, and so forth, as by said Act, Reference

NOW KNOW YE, THEREFORE, That I the Governor aforementioned, by Force and Virtue of the aforementioned Act, do declare, by these Presents, the said Minister, Church-Wardens, Vestry and Congregation, a Body Politic for the Purpose aforesaid ; and that they and their Successors shall and may have perpetual Succession, by the Name of the Minister, Church-Wardens, Vestry, and Congregation of *King's-Church in Providence*, with full Power, and lawful Authority, to make and ordain all such Laws, Rules, and Ordinances as they, or the major Part of them, who shall be present, on due Notification, shall at any Time hereafter agree upon, for the better regulating the Affairs of said Church : Provided nevertheless, That such Laws, Rules, and Ordinances be not repugnant to the Laws of this Colony.

IN Witness whereof, I, the Governor aforesaid, have hereunto set my Hand, and caused the Seal of the Colony aforesaid to be affixed, this **One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two**, in the **Thirteenth Year** of the Reign of His most Sacred Majesty, *George the Third*, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain, &c.*



It is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. Nicholas Brown, John Jencks, and Thomas Greene, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to inquire into the Circumstances of Lemuel Gustin's Escape out of Providence Gaol, and make Report to this Assembly at next Session.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session, of all and any Monies that still remain due to the Colony upon Report, by Fines, Forfeitures, or otherwise, and how long since due ; and in particular, of what may be due to the Colony from *David Wilkinson*, and what Payments may have been made upon or towards any such Dues or Demands the Colony may have.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business, lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred

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referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the respective Counties, to be by him transmitted to the several Town-Clerks in the County : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned, until the Second Monday in *December* next, then to meet at *Providence*.

G O D save the K I N G.

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Henry Ward Sec'y



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AT the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence Plantations* in *New-England*, in *America*: begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *Providence*, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the Second Monday in *December*, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, and Thirteenth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of GOD, KING of *Great-Britain*, and so forth.

P R E S E N T.

The Honorable

Joseph Wanton, Esq; Governor.

The Honorable

Darius Sessions, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

SAMUEL DYRE, Esq;
JAMES BARKER, Esq;
SOLOMON DROWN, Esq;
DAVID HARRIS, Esq;
THOMAS WICKES, Esq;
JONATHAN RANDALL, Esq;
ROWLAND ROBINSON, Esq;
WILLIAM RICHMOND, Esq;

} Assistants.

Mr. EDWARD THURSTON, jun. Deputy-Secretary.

D E P U T I E S from the several T O W N S.

The Honorable METCALF BOWLER, *Esq*; Speaker.

NEWPORT:

Thomas Cranston, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Wanton, (*Son of Gideon*)
 George Hazard, *Esq*;
 Joseph Wanton, *jun. Esq*;
 Mr. Thomas Freebody.

PROVIDENCE:

Stephen Hopkins, *Esq*;
 Thomas Greene, *Esq*;
 Mr. Benjamin Man,
 Mr. John Jenckes.

PORTSMOUTH:

Mr. Speaker,
 Mr. Jonathan Brownell.

WARWICK:

Mr. Benjamin Greene,
 James Arnold, *Esq*;
 Mr. Jacob Greene,
 William Greene, *Esq*.

WESTERLY:

Mr. James Rhodes.

NEW-SHOREHAM:

None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

Peter Phillips, *Esq*;
 John Nortnup, *Esq*.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

John Rose, *Esq*;
 Mr. Samuel Babcock.

EAST-GREENWICH:

Sylvester Sweet, *Esq*;
 Thomas Tillinghalt, *Esq*.

JAMESTOWN:

Mr. John Gardner.

SMITHFIELD:

Samuel Winfor, *Esq*;
 Daniel Mowry, *jun. Esq*.

SCITUATE:

Ezekiel Cornell, *Esq*;
 Mr. Rufus Hopkins.

GLOUCESTER:

Richard Steere, *Esq*;
 Rufus Smith, *Esq*.

CHARLESTOWN:

Mr. Samuel Kinyon.

WEST GREENWICH:

William Nichols, *Esq*;
 Mr. Thomas Gorton.

COVENTRY:

Mr. Nathaniel Greene, *jun.*
 Mr. Israel Bowen.

EXETER:

Jeffery Wilcox, *Esq*.

MIDDLETOWN:

Mr. Nicholas Easton,
 Mr. Isaac Smith.

BRISTOL:

Simeon Potter, *Esq*;
 William Bradford, *Esq*.

TIVERTON:

None.

LITTLE-COMPTON:

Thomas Church, *Esq*;
 Mr. Daniel Wilbour.

WARREN:

Nathan Miller, *Esq*.

CUMBERLAND:

John Dexter, *Esq*;
 Joseph Brown, *Esq*.

RICHMOND:

Edward Perry, *Esq*.

CRANSTON:

John Andrews, *Esq*;
 William Dexter, *Esq*.

HOPKINTON:

Thomas Wells, *jun. Esq*;
 Mr. Zaccheus Reynolds.

JOHNSTON:

Peleg Williams, *Esq*;
 Edward Fenner, *Esq*.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Capt. Efeck Hopkins,
 Jonathan Jenckes, *jun. Esq*.

BARRINGTON:

Mr. Thomas Allen.

JOSIAS LYNDON, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower-House.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Samuel Dyre, Esq;* Committee to settle Walter Chaloners Account. *Mr. Thomas Freebody, Thomas Cranston, Esq;* and *George Hazard, Esq;* be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *Walter Chaloners, Esq;* with the Colony : And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

WHEREAS divers Persons preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that the Road leading from *Uxbridge* to *Providence*, commonly called the *Wonscut* Road, is for about Six Miles very rocky, and in many Places wet and miry, so that to put it in good Order will require a much greater Expence than the Inhabitants, near the said Road, can possibly bear : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant a Lottery, to raise the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars, to be laid out in mending the said Road : And that *Mr. Joseph Olney*, of *North-Providence*, *Mr. Sylvanus Sayles* and *Mr. Amos Keech, jun.* both of *Smithfield*, may be appointed Directors thereof, they giving Bond for the faithful Performance of their Duty, and completing the same, without any Expence to the Colony :

Lottery granted to repair Wonscut Road.

On Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted, under the usual Restrictions.

WHEREAS *Augustus Johnson, Esq;* *Mr. Nathaniel Mumford*, *Mr. John G. Wanton*, *Mr. John Collins*, and *Henry Ward, Esq;* in Behalf of, and by Direction from the Town of *Newport*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That the Hospital upon *Coasters-Harbour* hath been found, at several Times, too small for the Reception of Persons having the Small-Pox : And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant a Lottery, for raising a sufficient Sum of Money, to erect a new Hospital at said *Coasters-Harbour*, upon such a Plan as shall be approved of by said Town : That Messrs. *John Collins*, *John G. Wanton*, *Nathaniel Mumford*, *Simon Pease*, *John Malbone*, *John Warren*, and *Robert*

Lottery granted to build a Hospital at Coasters Harbour.

bert Stevens, jun. may be appointed Directors of the said Lottery, with Power to carry on the same, in One or more Classes, and in such Manner, as they shall think most prudent : And that in Case any one or more of the Directors shall refuse to serve, the said Town of *Newport* may appoint another or others, in his or their Room :

On Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted, under the usual Restrictions.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Jeffers* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon the Committee appointed to examine the Claims of Dr. *Thomas Moffatt*, upon the Colony, and for summoning divers Witnesses, to attend upon the said Committee : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that Nine Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jonathan Jeffers*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS *James Arnold, Esq;* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for repairing *Pawtuxet* Bridge : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed, and that Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Balance thereof, be paid the said *James Arnold*, out of the General Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Attorney-General be, and he is hereby, directed and empowered, to put in Suit the Mortgage Deed, given by *Nathan Barber*, to the Colony, unless he shall think proper for some good Reason to omit it : That he sue Col. *Benjamin Wickham*, and *David Wilkinson, Esq;* and *George Brown, Esq;* and his Bondsmen, for what is due from them to the Colony, by Judgment of Court, or otherwise : That he sue *Hezekiah Babcock, Esq;* for what is due from him to the Colony, unless he shall pay the same Ten Days

Attorney-
General to
sue divers
Persons.

J. Jeffers al-
lowed £. 0
9 0.

J. Arnold al-
lowed £. 0
16 0.

Days before the arresting Time is out, to the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Newport* : And that the said Attorney-General also prosecute the Action pending in the said Inferior Court of Common Pleas, brought by the Colony's Trustees, against *John Andrews*, Esq; unless he shall settle with the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office before the Sitting of the said Court.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Account exhibited unto this Assembly, by *Augustus Johnston*, Esq; at the present Session, be delivered to the Committee appointed, at the last Session, to consider and report upon the Account of Doctor *Thomas Moffatt* : That the said Committee, or a major Part of them, consider and examine what Loss the said *Augustus Johnston* sustained by the Riots in the Town of *Newport*, in the Months of August and December, A. D. 1765; and what Sum said Loss amounted to : And that the said Committee, or the major Part of them, make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

Committee to inquire into the Losses of *A. Johnston*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Speaker of the Lower House, *George Hazard*, Esq; Mr. *John Wanton*, (Son of *Gideon*) Mr. *Moses Brown*, and Mr. *Edward Thurston*, jun. be, and they, or the major Part of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit the General Treasurer's Accounts : That they receive all the lawful Money Bills, Treasurer's Notes, and Old Tenor Bills, that have been received in the General Treasury, upon Account of the Rate, and burn the same : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to audit the accounts of the General Treasurer.

It is Voted and Resolved, That it was the Sense of this Assembly, that the major Part of the Committee, appointed at the last Session, to examine Doct. *Thomas Moffatt*'s Accounts should inspect into and report upon the same,

Explanation of a Vote passed at the last Session.

WHEREAS the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; *James Barker*, Esq; Mr. *William Ellery* and Mr. *Benjamin West*,

Report of the Committee upon *T. Moffatt*'s Account.

West, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee, by the General Assembly, to inspect the Account of Doct. *Thomas Moffatt*, relative to his Loss sustained by Riots, in the Town of *Newport*, in the Year 1765; as by the Vote and Order of the General Assembly, hereto annexed, may appear, have, in Compliance therewith, met and examined many Persons, respecting the same, and considered the Depositions heretofore taken, by Order of the General Assembly, and having fully heard what the said Doct. *Thomas Moffatt* had to offer in that Behalf, do report as follows.

And First, as to his Loss in Books.

It appears, by the Depositions of *Joseph G. Wanton*, and his Wife, and of *Charles Cozzens*, and his Wife; and upon a full Examination of the said *Joseph* and *Charles*, that a great Number of Books, sufficient to fill the Bodies of Two large Carts, were saved in their Houses, and delivered to Doctor *Moffatt*'s Friends and Agents. Mr *Cozzens*, upon Examination, also informs us, that he was present at the whole Transaction, and is well assured that there were not more than Fifty Books lost. And upon Inspection of some of the Books saved, it appears to us, that some Sets were broken, but that very few had received Damage. We are therefore of Opinion, that the Damage sustained in the Books does not exceed

Sterling. £. 30 0 0

In Philosophical Instruments.

We find that a Telescope, and a Thermometer and Barometer, in One Frame or Table, and a sliding Thermometer, were saved : And the Loss and Damage in the other Articles, we compute at

17 14 0

In Furniture.

We find a fine Mahogany Book-Case totally

destroyed

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| destroyed. Value, by the Maker's | | | |
| Account, - - - - | 19 | 2 | 6 |
| A Book-Cafe lost, and a Desk damaged, | 6 | 14 | 0 |
| Eight Mahogany Chairs saved, of which | | | |
| Three or Four were damaged, - - | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| His Black-Walnut and Windsor Chairs | | | |
| saved. | | | |
| Bedsteads, One saved, and One damaged, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Damage in Mahogany Tables, several | | | |
| being saved entire, - - - - | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| His China all saved. | | | |
| Three Looking-Glasses or Mirrors saved. | | | |
| Kitchen Furniture, chiefly saved. | | | |
| Table, Bed and Body Linen, mostly | | | |
| saved. | | | |
| Four Paintings, and Thirty-four Prints, | | | |
| framed and glazed, saved. | | | |
| Loss in Kitchen and other Household Fur- | | | |
| niture, in Bed and Bedding, Body, | | | |
| Bed and Table Linen, in Paintings, | | | |
| Prints, Charts, Drawings, Anatomical | | | |
| and Botanical Preparations, Ores, | | | |
| Fossils, Reptiles, Insects, ancient | | | |
| Coins, and other Rarities, - - | 72 | 0 | 0 |
| Loss in Manuscripts, Letters, Common- | | | |
| Place Books, and Observations in his | | | |
| Profession, &c. - - - - | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Loss in wearing Apparel - - - | 15 | 0 | 0 |
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From the Examination of the said *Joseph G. Wanton*, and *Charles Cozzens*, and *Caleb Gardner*, Upholsterer, it appears to us, that the Articles of the said Doct. *Thomas Moffatt*'s Household Furniture were very few, and excepting his Book-Cafe, and Two or Three other Articles, very indifferent: And in this Opinion we are the more confirmed, from the Smallness of the House the Doct. then lived in. and from an Examination of the List of his whole ratable personal Estate, exhibited, on oath, by himself, in the Year 1761, amounting to only One Hundred and Seven Pounds,

Pounds, Fourteen Shillings, Sterling Money. And from a Comparison of the Value of many of his Books, as charged in his Account, with several printed Catalogues and Invoices, it appeared he had rated some double, and others treble of the real Value.

The foregoing is submitted to the General Assembly, by

Stephen Hopkins,
James Barker,
William Ellery,
Benjamin West.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, accepted: That the said Sum of One Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds, Ten Shillings and Six Pence, Sterling, be granted to Doct. *Thomas Moffatt*, as a full Compensation for the Damage he sustained by the Riots in the Town of *Newport*, in the Year 1765; to be paid when and as soon as the General Assembly shall receive Information that the Money due from the Crown, to the Colony, for their Services in the Expedition against *Crown-Point*, in the Year 1756, shall be received by the Agent for this Colony, in *Great-Britain*: That thereupon the General Treasurer of this Colony be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed, in Behalf of this Colony, to draw a Bill or Bills upon the Colony Agent, payable to the said *Thomas Moffatt*, for the abovesaid Sum, so granted as aforesaid: And that his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to send Home a fair Copy of this Report and Vote, with all other Papers relating thereto.

J. Freeborn
appointed a
Special Jus-
tice of Inferi-
or Court in
Providence.

WHEREAS *Job Randall*, of *Scituate*, in the County of *Providence*, Esq; presented a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, That he commenced an Action against *Paul Tew*, Esq; Sheriff of the said County, for the Misdemeanors of one of his Deputies, to a Special Court of Common Pleas held at *Providence*, on the Eighth Day of *August* last: And that upon a Plea filed to the Jurisdiction of the Court, the Court were divided in Opinion: And thereupon the said *Job Randall* prayed this

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Assembly, to revive the said Special Court and to appoint a Special Justice in the Room of him the said *Job Randall*, for the Trial of the said Cause: And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said *Job Randall*, in his said Petition contained, be, and the same is hereby granted: That the said Special Court be held on Thursday the Thirty-first Day of this instant, *December*: And that *Jonathan Freeborn*, Esq; be, and he is hereby, appointed a Special Justice of the said Court in the Room of the said *Job Randall*.

WHEREAS the following Account was exhibited unto this Assembly, *to wit*:

COLONY of *Rhode-Island*, &c. to the Committee appointed to examine the Account of Doctor *Thomas Mofatt*, relative to the Loss sustained by him, in the Riots in the Town of *Newport*, in the Year 1765, and to *Henry Marchant*, who was appointed to assist them therein as Attorney-General, Dr.

S. Hopkins allowed £. 1 10 0.
J. Barker £. 0 18 0.
W. Ellery £. 1 10 0.
H. Marchant £. 0 18 0.
B. West £. 1 10 0.

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| To <i>Stephen Hopkins</i> , for 5 Days expended in said Business, at 6s. | - | - | £. 1 | 10 | 0 |
| To <i>James Barker</i> , 3 Days, | 3 | Days, | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| To <i>William Ellery</i> , 5 Days, | 5 | Days, | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| To <i>Henry Marchant</i> , 3 Days, | 3 | Days, | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| To <i>Benjamin West</i> , 5 Days, | 5 | Days, | 1 | 10 | 0 |
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AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be allowed; and that the several Sums therein charged be paid the said *Stephen Hopkins*, *James Barker*, *William Ellery*, *Henry Marchant*, and *Benjamin West*, out of the General Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. *Noah Mason* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for the Use made of his House by the Committee

N. Mason allowed 16s. 6d.

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who finished the Revival of the Laws, &c. And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Noah Mason*, out of the General Treasury.

J. Greene allowed £. 19 114. WHEREAS Mr. *Jacob Greene*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for Materials provided for, and Work done upon *Hunt's Bridge* : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that Nineteen Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Four Pence, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jacob Greene*, out of the General Treasury.

Powder allowed for Fort-George. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Captain of *Fort-George* be, and he is hereby, directed to purchase, at the Expence of the Colony, Two Hundred Weight of Powder, for the Use of said Fort.

Committee to draught a letter to Lord Dartmouth. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That His Honor the Deputy-Governor, the Hon. *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; Mr. *Moses Brown* and *John Cole*, Esq; be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, to prepare a Draught of a Letter, in Answer to Lord *Dartmouth's* Letter, and lay the same before this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee to complete the Sale of *T. Ninigret's* Land. WHEREAS Two of the Council of the *Narraganset* Tribe of *Indians*, in this Colony, are dead, and *William Sachem* (One of the said Council) refuseth to sign the Deeds, for the Sale of the Lands of *Thomas Ninigret*, deceased, late Sachem of the said Tribe, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to settle the Estate of the said *Thomas Ninigret*, with Two of the surviving Council of the *Indians*, make and execute a Deed or Deeds of the Lands they have already sold, or may hereafter sell, to pay the said *Ninigret's* Debts : And that such Deed or Deeds be as good and valid, to all Intents and Purposes, as though the said Deed or Deeds

Deeds had been made and executed by the Committee, and all the *Indian Council*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of *George Brown*, and others, with the Colony, be, and they are hereby, continued for that Purpose : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to settle G. Brown's Accounts.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jabez Gorham* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the last, and the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is allowed ; and that One Pound, Fifteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Jabez Gorham* out of the General Treasury.

J. Gorham allowed £. 1 15 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *William Compton* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the last and the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Fifteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *William Compton* out of the General Treasury.

W. Compton allowed £. 1 15 0.

WHEREAS Mr. *Daniel Branch* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the Colony, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the last and the present Session : And the said Account being duly examined, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is, allowed ; and that One Pound, Fifteen Shillings, lawful Money, being the Amount thereof, be paid to the said *Daniel Branch*, out of the General Treasury.

D. Branch allowed £. 1 15 0.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business, lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby, referred

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referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriff of each County, by him to be delivered to the several Town-Clerks in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned until the Second Monday in *January* next, then to meet at *East-Greenwich*.

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